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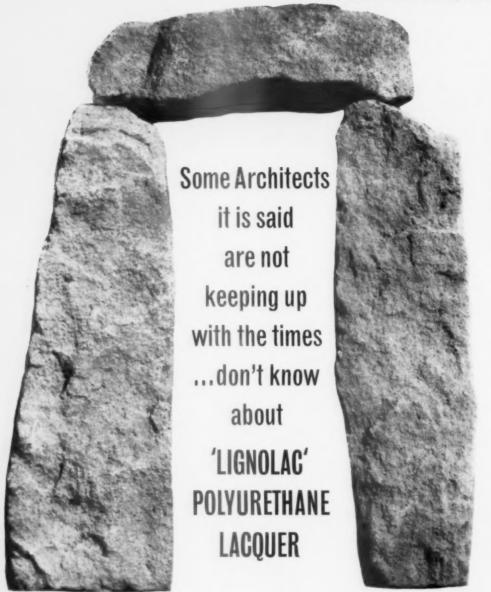
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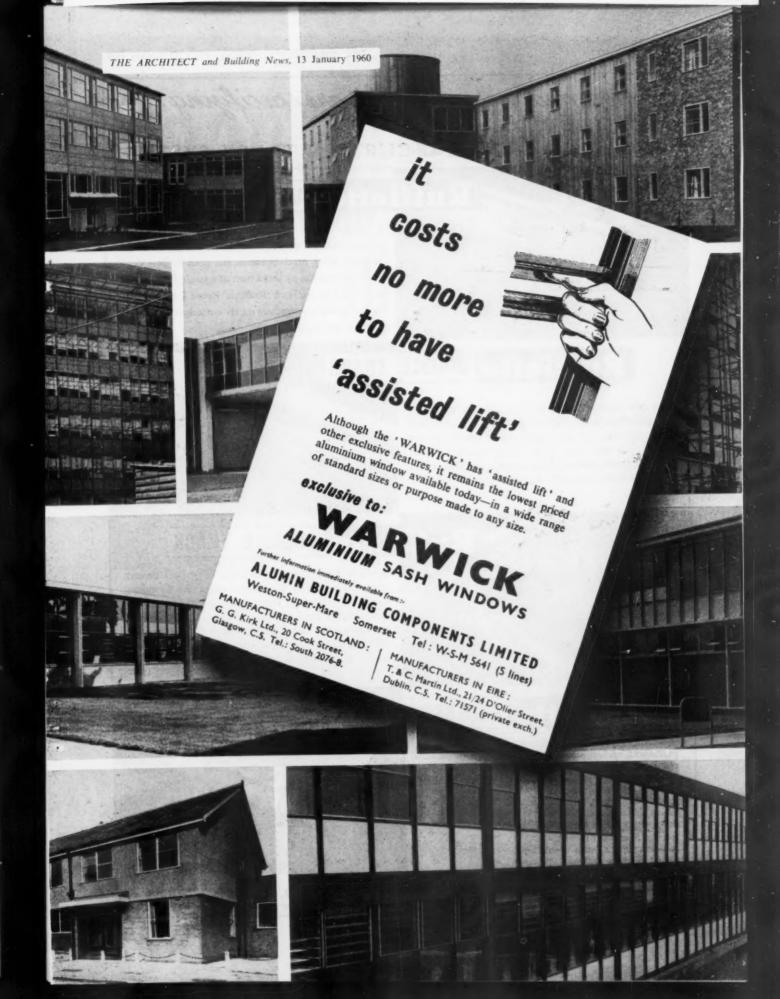
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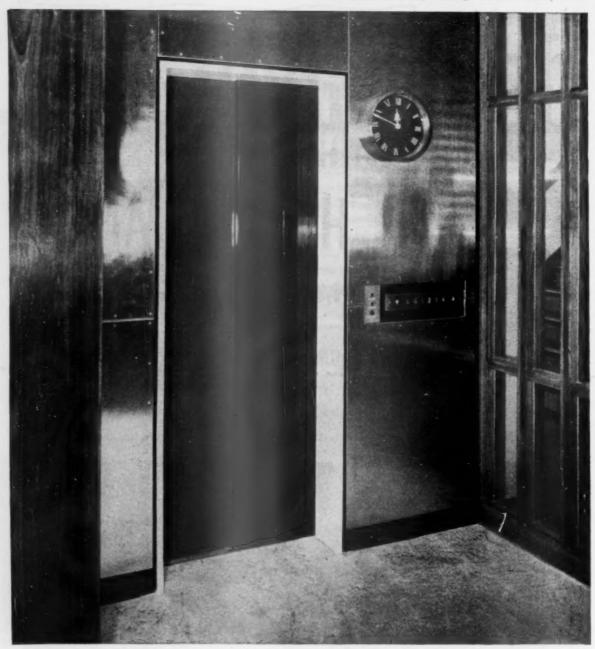
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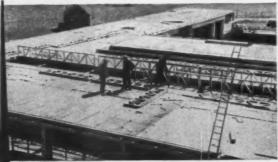
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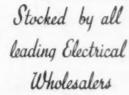
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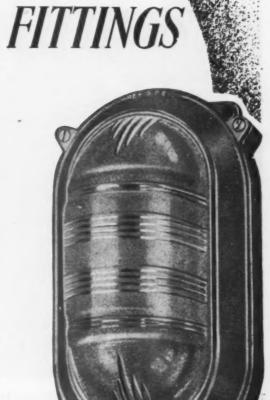
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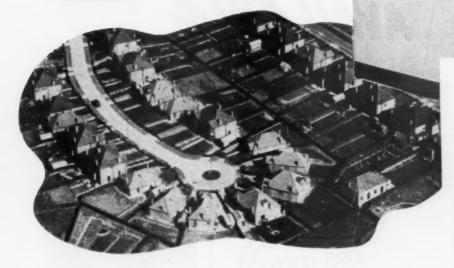
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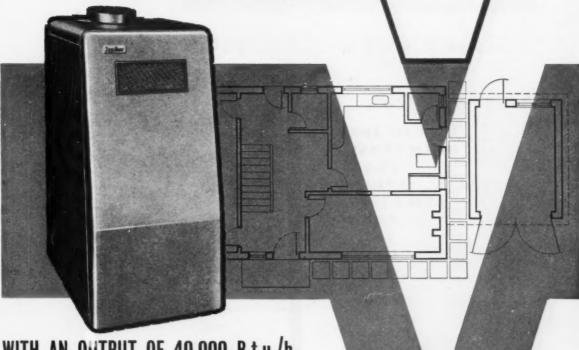
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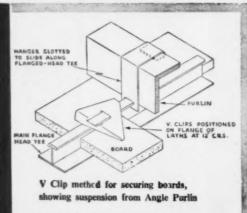
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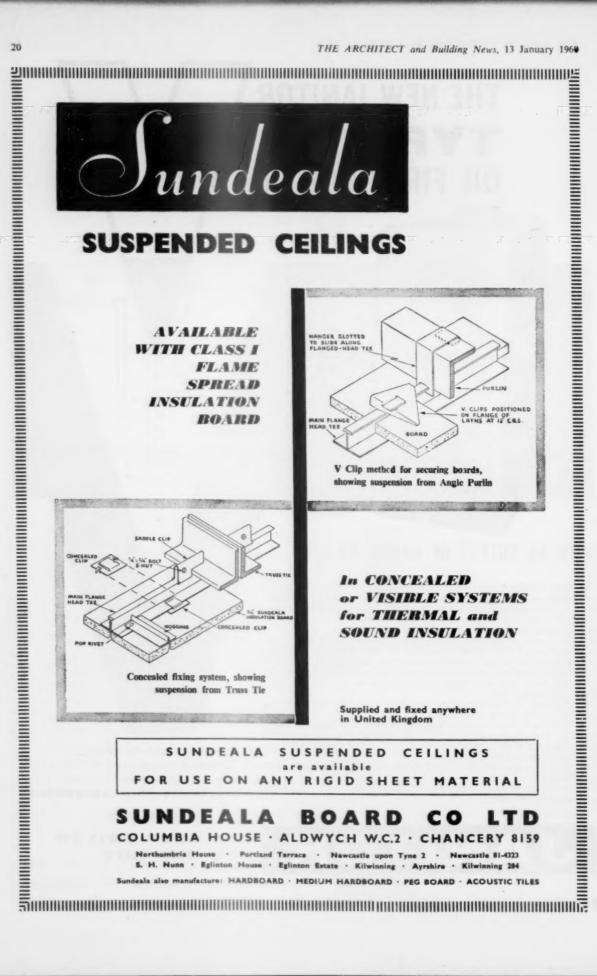
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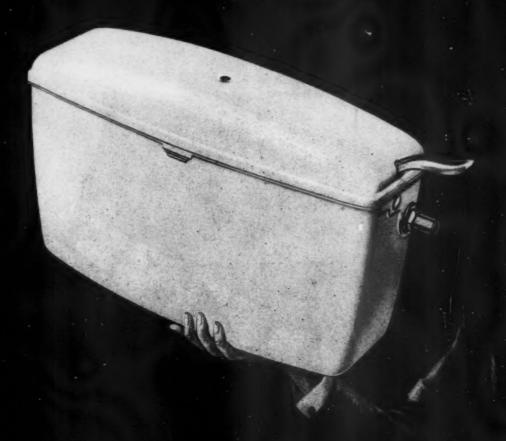
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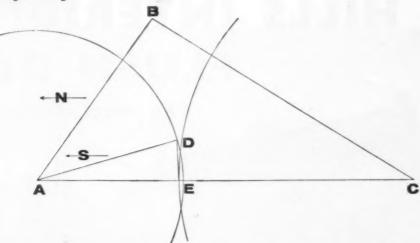
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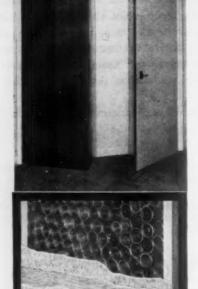




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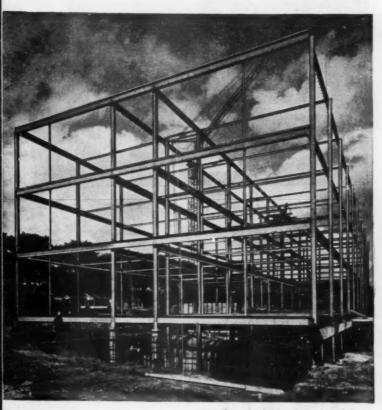


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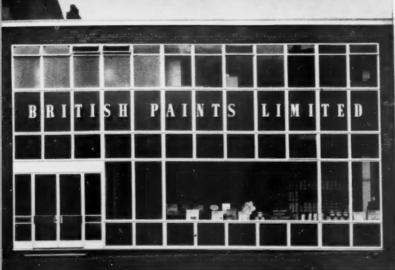


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PICCADILLY PORTENT

THE Monico inquiry has been the longest ever held on a single site. It has also been one of the most remarkable. By dramatic coincidence a large proportion of the controversies at present facing architects and planners have been focused in the conference room at County Hall. For the first time in years, Parliament and the public are taking a real interest in the problem of urban design.

Among the questions which have been ventilated at considerable length are the problems of well-designed urban renewal programmes under present-day conditions; whether pedestrians can be segregated effectively from motor traffic over large areas; the aesthetics and placing of large illuminated signs; the propriety of the free surrender of land for road widening with the consequential cramming of building bulk on to the remainder of the site (when the plot ratio is measured over the whole site); the relationship of planning authorities and their officers with private architects; the professional status of architects and whether or not they should have a financial interest in buildings they are designing; the value of the Royal Fine Art Commission and the clarity or otherwise with which it expresses its opinions; the value of architectural criticism generally.

At the back of all these problems has loomed the prospect of other enormous new developments in the West End. happening at Piccadilly is only the beginning of a new era of urban reconstruction in the central areas of our larger towns. And Piccadilly has made it quite clear that our existing legislation and planning machinery

are utterly inadequate to control it, or to guarantee a reasonable degree of architectural or planning quality in the ultimate result.

There can be no easy solution to this problem of the redevelopment of central areas which is one of the most complex which planners have ever had to solve. Events have moved fast or men's minds slowly: traffic congestion is piling up with increasing speed and financial capital is being poured into the commercial reconstruction of town centres faster than planners can handle them. The need for action could not be more urgent. Either we produce some new planning techniques quickly so that the problem of combining traffic, people and buildings can be tackled effectively or the centres of the larger towns will become squalid and inconvenient anachronisms.

There is no reason to suppose that the problem is insoluble. There are hopeful signs. The new Minister of Transport is reputed to be a most practical and ingenious man, unafraid of matching new problems with new solutions. There are rumours of a new section at the Ministry of Housing being set up to study town centres. The Town Planning Institute shows signs of life with its recent research into urban traffic. Perhaps it can throw some light on this problem too.

What is clearly needed now is some hard, if belated, thinking before it is too late, followed by a short amending Act to deal with this subsidiary but vital issue of planning. If we get this Act in time, and we rise to the greater opportunity, Piccadilly may be looked back upon as a turning point in the history of town planning and civic design.

To allow for full coverage of the Monico site inquiry ABNER has been transferred to page 44

MONICO SITE INQUIRY-4

Nobody Appeared to Have Designed It-"Like Topsy, It Just Growed"

Previous reports were published in the A. & B.N. on December 23 and 30, and January 6

ON the seventh day of the inquiry into the future of the Monico site before Mr. C. D. Buchanan, the Inspector appointed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, Mr. Kenneth Wheeler, representing the Regent Street Association, withdrew from the inquiry. Mr. Wheeler said that the Regent Street Association was satisfied that the developers did not intend to, and would not, put the shopping facilities to any use which would prejudice the very high standard which the Regent Street Association were trying to maintain in this area.

Quick Development Welcomed

Mr. E. Holland Hughes, representing H. Samuel Ltd. and Saqui & Lawrence, said that his clients asked that this particular development should not militate against the quick development of the east side of Piccadilly Circus. It had been said by the L.C.C. that they did not intend to begin development of the east side until 1965, but his clients would welcome the acceleration of the development and it would appear that there was a good case for a co-ordinated development of the whole of the Circus at the same time.

Mr. Hughes added that his clients could not approve of the first-floor walkways, apparently contemplated by the L.C.C. for this part of the Circus. In their view, he said, it would be detrimental to shopping facilities and repugnant to the whole character of the Circus.

Case for the Civic Trust

Mr. Elwyn Jones, opening his case for the Civic Trust, first drew attention to some remarks made by Mr. Ramsay Willis during the sixth day of the inquiry: "The building which should be erected here should be a building in the modern idiom which can stand for many years to come as an example of the architecture of this time and century."

Mr. Elwyn Jones said he was glad Mr. Willis had put it as high as that. It was as high as the Civic Trust also would seek to put it. Indeed, it was for precisely that reason that the Civic Trust had intervened in the inquiry. It had not done so to indict Cotton, Ballard & Blow.

The astonishing fact had emerged from evidence in this inquiry that nobody appeared to have designed the proposed building—"like Topsy, it just growed". A building on this all-important national site should surely (to fulfil Mr. Willis' conditions) be created consciously.

"It should not merely be, as the evidence has shown here," said Mr. Elwyn Jones, "like the proposed building: a by-product of technical controls concerned with the maximum quantum of commercial exploitation. The pedigree of the proposed building appears to be by plot ratio out of permitted uses.

"These factors have, it would seem, alone inspired and motivated it; and I fear those responsible for this state of affairs have only themselves to blame if they have become or are made the subject of criticism."

Mr. Elwyn Jones said that he agreed with Mr. Willis that the inquiry was not intended to be a forum for abuse and he hoped that when he drew attention to the questions he had asked on behalf of the Civic Trust, as

distinct from the caricature of them by his learned friend, it would be seen that he had avoided abuse.

But he did not agree that the inquiry should not be a forum for criticism and he wondered on what possible basis Mr. Willis could claim immunity for his clients.

"As for my learned friend's complaint of coyness in my cross-examination," said Mr. Elwyn Jones, "with regard to the architectural design of the proposed building, perhaps I might be permitted to remind you that the coyness of the developers' architects, Cotton, Ballard & Blow, has reduced them to complete silence in this inquiry, save for their own counsel's apologia."

J. M. Richards Called

Mr. Richards said that he was appearing in his individual capacity as an independent critic and not in any sense as a spokesman of the Royal Fine Art Commission. of which he was a member. He agreed with the views of the Commission, expressed in their letter of December 15 to the Minister.

Mr. Elwyn Jones asked what view had he formed broadly with regard to the proposal (for the Monico site).

Mr. Richards said he was glad the word "broadly" had been used because they had listened to a great deal of technical detail, no doubt necessary for the complete picture of what was proposed. In these circumstances the very broadest issues, such as whether the application was in the public interest and whether the standard of architecture was such as met the public interest were easily lost sight of, and after all it was because of the public issues involved that the inquiry was being held.

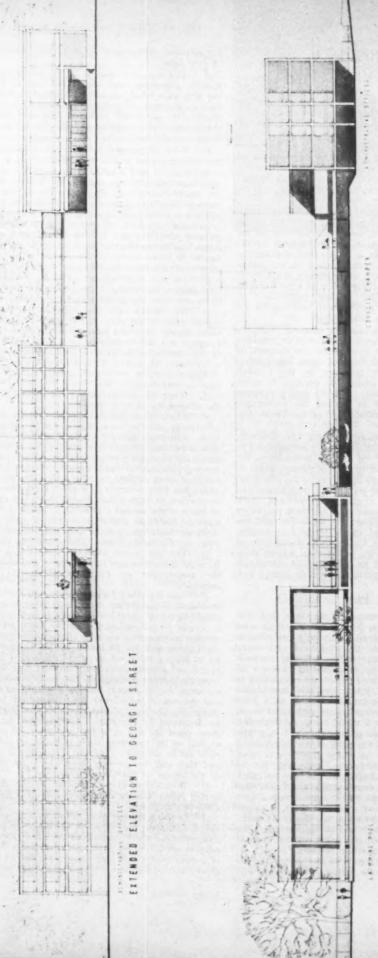
The building proposed for the Monico site, even in the revised form, was quite unworthy of its important position, but, continued Mr. Richards, he would like to link that view with a second statement that in the public interest a unified scheme for the rebuilding of the Circus was absolutely essential. By this he meant a scheme that took into account not only architectural quality and properly worked out architectural relationships, but also the separate provision for pedestrians and motor traffic.

These two points were very closely linked in the sense that, in his view, the proposed building, besides being a second-rate piece of architecture in itself and therefore quite unacceptable if it was going to set a standard for the rest of the rebuilding, stood in the way of the execution of a satisfactory plan for the Circus as a whole.

He was, he said, quite convinced of this in spite of some evidence given, he thought, on behalf of the L.C.C. that it did not stand in the way.

Going further on to the question of planning, Mr. Richards said that although he regarded it essential that the Circus should be developed as a whole and not piecemeal, this did not mean uniformity of design throughout the Circus.

Counsel for the L.C.C. had described the disadvantages of what he called a finite architectural solution, but no one (as far as Mr. Richards was aware) was asking for that. Mr. Richards said: "What I am asking for is simply that no new building should be sanctioned until the layout and general line of the development all round the Circus has been settled and that each new building should conform to these."



ELEVATION TO PROPOSED BY-PASS

A Winner for Corby New Town

The result of the Corby Civic Centre competition was announced on Tuesday. The prizewinning schemes are illustrated on pages 45 to 56. Two major elevations of the first scheme by Enrico de Pierro, Nigel Farrington, and John Dennys are shown above. The winning architects are to be congratulated on producing a well planned and dignified building and Mr. de Pierro on his second competition success (first in the College of Further Education, Poole). For anyone within striking distance of Corby, an exhibition of the II submitted designs is worth a visit. Here, every possible (and world-wide) influence is reflected in the completed design . . . window wall: 1920's axial: 1950's "exploded". Sydney Opera House; Coventry Cathedral; Corb here, Wright there . . . and many others. Perhaps this is the "searching sixties" for the architect? However, the purpose of the competition was realized. In no other way could such divergent lines of approach have been brought to bear on one problem, and the most appropriate answer chosen. While in Corby, take a look at the New Town . . . it badly needs the quality which will be provided by this new Civic Centre

MONICO SITE INQUIRY

This did not mean that a building on any site need be held up until other sites for rebuilding were ready. Each could go ahead in its own good time as long as it conformed to the general plan.

"But," said Mr. Richards, "we must have a general plan. I do not believe any other great capital city with so important a site as this to rebuild would leave it to a private developer without more safeguards being applied to ensure that the public interest and the general planning interest was also served."

It was in the nature of private development for com-mercial purposes that buildings should be designed on the basis of profitable exploitation of the site, but, at the same time, private developers should be required by the planning authorities to make a reasonable contribution to the creation of a new Circus, made with the public interest in mind, just as they were already required to provide, for example, car parking space as a contribution to the traffic problem. This applied particularly to Piccadilly Circus where the public itself had created the enhanced position for public advertising.

Mr. Richards said: "There must be adequate provision for people to stroll about on foot; people must be provided with ample pavement space away from the dangers of motor traffic, perhaps in the form of upper-level pedestrian terraces such as were proposed by the London County Council's advisory scheme or perhaps in some other form yet to be decided. But the traffic problem will certainly not be solved by driving the pedestrians underground or the whole social value of the Circus will

Mr. Richards said that when he heard Mr. Bennett's evidence his feeling was that Mr. Bennett was beginning to paint a quite inspiring picture of the improvements of the West End of London and that in spite of its reputation of being behind the times, London might yet be the first great city to tackle the problem of segregating pedestrians and initiating in the West End a great step forward, made possible by the fortunate chance that all these properties were falling ripe for development just when the need for separation of pedestrians and motor traffic had become urgent. In fact, what the L.C.C. had done, faced with an application for the first building in the area, was to show themselves willing to consent to a design that completely nullified these very great opportunities within their grasp.

Sabotaged Their Own Plan

Questioned on his last point, Mr. Richards said that the L.C.C. seemed to him to have sabotaged their own far-sighted plan (for the Circus). The only contribution of this proposed building was that it gave a little more space for movement of motor traffic, but had made it virtually impossible for any co-ordinated scheme of separate high-level or other level pedestrian circulation to be brought into effect. Mr. Booth had said in evidence that if required the building could be made at a later date to join up with a system of other pedestrian ways. Mr. Richards hardly thought it could do so satisfactorily.

"This brings me, if I may go on a little," said Mr. Richards, "to what I think is the basis of the architectural criticism of the design. We have one firm of architects, as you yourself said a little while ago, responsible for the general design in close consultation, as has been revealed, with Mr. Bennett. We have then another architect called in to deal with the elevations and it now appears, as I understand, that Mr. Booth at a further stage, if necessary, would be quite willing to adapt the design to incorporate pedestrian bridges which had to be rejected at the first stage, and as a method of creating a worthy work of

architecture, this strikes me as quite fantastic."

Mr. Elwyn Jones: "With regard to the provisions for people using the building in the Circus, what do you say,

for instance, with regard to pavement space and matters of that kind?"

A: "As I have just said, it is very important, naturally, that the pavement space should not only be adequate but the plan as a whole should be planned in relation to the need to segregate all types of traffic, and I would certainly regard 15st of normal orthodox pavement space between the front of this building and the fast-moving traffic as being entirely inadequate.

Q: "What do you say with regard to the advertisement

problem in regard to this new building?

A: "First of all I would like to make it absolutely clear that I am not only not against but strongly in favour of the traditional use of Piccadilly Circus for advertising purposes, and have not only sympathies with but share the public's enjoyment of advertisements all round the Circus. It presents, as we are all aware, a great number of architectural problems, and I think the daytime effect of the lighted advertisements as well as their night-time effect has to be borne in mind. This means that the display of advertisements must be integrated with the architecture.

Q: "Do you think the design of the proposed building does achieve that object of integrating the display of adver-

tisements with the architecture?

A: "No, in my view the design of the building completely fails to do this. All it does it to provide some blank panels on which advertisements can be hung which I regard as a rather clumsy way of doing it, and I am sure in the hands of an imaginative architect the needs of advertising could be met in a lighter and livelier fashion and without destroying, as do these panels, the scale and shapeliness of the building."

Q: "What do you say about the proposed panel from

the advertising point of view?

A: "From the architectural point of view and from the advertising point of view, they are designed as flat panels to be seen from straight in front and, therefore, I think they fail to exploit the visual possibilities of advertisements disclosing themselves in sequence in a lively fashion with a moving viewpoint as one moves round the Circus, enhancing their effect as they do so, and they also have the effect, which has been brought up I think earlier in this inquiry, of starting so high above ground that they will not read, as those in the present Circus do, as parts of the enclosing walls of buildings, and it is to read as parts of enclosing walls of buildings covered with illuminated signs which gives the Circus its present lively and gay character.

Q: "Do you agree with the view which I think Sir Howard Robertson agreed with that it is desirable to retain the atmosphere of Piccadilly Circus as a 'homely

A: "I do not think I should have used the term 'homely enclosure' because they come away from home to see the bright lights of the West End which they enjoy. it should be an enclosure, and the lights should be part of the surrounding curtain of buildings which enclose the Circus, and the fact that the present panel is raised up so high, I think will destroy its effect. I do not mean that it will prevent them being visible; they will be visible from the farther parts of the Circus by craning your neck upwards, but at present you see the lights at their best as you go round the Circus by bus and as you circulate within the Circus, and this agreeable and lively effect will be destroyed by the plan. You will not be able to see them from the top of a bus and you will not see them as part of the enclosing walls of buildings. They will be right up in the sky; 156ft up, I believe, is the distance, and they will be removed from the sense of being part of the design of the Circus altogether.'

Q: "What view do you hold about the desirability of having advertisement signs ascending to a height of, say,

150ft in this place?

A: "In this place my chief dislike of it is, as I have said, that it lifts them too far up in the air to be proper to the conception of the Circus as an enclosed space containing advertisements. The point has been made by a number of people that it will also mean they will be visible from other parts of London where it might not be desirable to

have illuminated advertisements. I think there is a great deal in that criticism, though I personally would not attach prime importance to it because the general distant view of additional lights in the West End I do not think is a disadvantage, though I am certainly prepared to say that in certain areas they might be regarded as obstructive to

Q: "I should like you to express your view with regard to the proposed revised design for this building. What are your feelings about that, Mr. Richards?"

"There are a number of criticisms one can make of it simply as a piece of architecture. I have made several already. I have also to go further into detail and mention the disproportionate height of the podium, the lack of any proper relationship between the podium and the towerlike structure above it and the lumpish, rather ungainly proportions of this tower-like structure. In the claims that the applicants have made on behalf of the design, I think the word 'gaiety' has figured very largely, and I can only say that it strikes me as one of the most 'ungay' buildings I have ever seen. Otherwise, I think, as I have made clear, my dislike of the building is not confined to detailed architectural criticisms of it but to the failure to design the Circus as a whole—to plan the Circus as a whole. To give consent to this building would involve that an obstruction is created to the proper construction of the Circus. May I mention that you stressed the revised design. I may say the minor changes for the reasons stated made in the design do not affect my disapproval of it at all. Architecture, in my view, cannot be created by trying to ameliorate some of the defects of what is basically a poor building, and the design, in spite of the efforts Mr. Booth has made over a long period, remains, in my view, one of a far lower standard than the public has a right to expect on a site as prominent and significant as the Monico site."

Q: "Is there anything further you wish to say?" A: "Unless it is appropriate at this stage of my evidence to try to sum up briefly what I think is desirable, I would merely say I hope that the design will be disallowed so as to leave the way clear for a general plan for the redevelopment of the Circus, and after the plan has been settled, I hope a new design by a first-rate architect will be made for a building on this site. My objection in short is that it is utterly unworthy as a piece of architecture in itself and it hinders instead of promoting the planning of the rest of the Circus in the public interest.'

Thank You

"It would not be unfair," asked Sir Milner Holland, Q.C., in cross-examination, "to describe you only as a critic?"

"I would not use the word 'only,' because I think critics have a useful role to perform. But I am a critic and not a practising architect," said Mr. Richards.

Q: "Mr. Richards, it really all comes down to this, does it not: you have the qualification by degree of the R.I.B.A.?"

A: "Yes."
Q: "You have not yourself designed a building of any size?"

A: "No."

Q: "You come here to give us a little lecturette on your views about this building?

A: "Yes."

Sir Milner Holland: "Well, thank you very much for

Answering a question of the Inspector, Mr. Richards said he would say that the building was ungainly in its proportions; that the relationship between the tower structure and what has been called the podium, which follows the perimeter of the site, was not only poor, but almost non-existent; that is to say, one rose out of the other, without any three-dimensional link-up at all, so that the two did not seem to be related to each other as pieces of design. The screen or panel carrying the advertisements on the tower was both out of scale with the building, was clumsily related to it and was altogether too big.



A petrol station forecourt canopy for County Motors (Kent) Ltd., Dover. The form of the canopy is that of an inverted truncated cone with concave sides cantilevered out from the top of the attendant's central kiosk. It was designed by Aluminium Alloy Fabrications Ltd., of Woking, Surrey (who also made and erected it), in conjunction with Louis Erdi, architect and surveyor. General contractor, Jenners of Folkestone

NEWS

International Competition: Tunis

An open international competition for the development of the town of Tunis has been approved by the I.U.A. The theme is in five parts: a study for a road through old Tunis, and sketches for the development of the Lake of Tunis and the Sedjoumi Lake, a national memorial and the residence of the President of the Republic. The final closing date is October, 1960. First prize is 5,000 Dinars, second 2,500, third 1,500, fourth and fifth 500 (£4,277, £2,139, £1,284, £428). Full details from the R.I.B.A.

Crawley New Town Chairman Resigns

Sir Thomas Bennett has given up the chairmanship of Crawley New Town Development Corporation because of the very heavy pressure of his private work. The appointment of a successor is being considered by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

L.C.C. Delegates Some Planning Powers

Certain applications under the Town and Country Planning Acts and the London Building Acts and by-laws are now being sent by the London County Council to the Metropolitan borough councils in accordance with proposals recently approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government. This procedure came into effect on January 1.

The types of planning application concerned comprise, in the main, those relating to changes or continuations of use and alterations and additions within certain defined limits as to cubic content and floor space where no

departure from primary zoning is involved.

The Building Act applications to be delegated comprise, in the main, those where the council is not dealing with the planning aspect and where consent is required to projections in advance of the building line, temporary buildings, the conversion of houses into flats and the uniting of buildings, including the provision of means of escape

The procedure for making applications remains the same, i.e., all applications should be submitted in the first instance to the L.C.C. who will continue to maintain the Statutory Register of town planning applications and decisions. When an application is delegated to the Metropolitan Borough Council concerned, the applicant will

be so informed.

MONICO SITE INQUIRY

Mr. Richards criticized the building in the way it was placed in relation to the buildings to the west of it. "The County Fire Office is what you see as you come up Lower Regent Street. You will now see the County Fire Office, then a gap of sky, and then a building of completely different scale beside it. I think those two vertical elements are not at all happily related," he said.

Mr. Richards said he agreed with the Royal Fine Art Commission's suggestion that they would like a background for a much freer kind of advertising. The Inspector wanted to know how he reconciled that with the very large size of some of the advertisements which are involved in Piccadilly Circus as it is now-for instance, the Coca-Cola sign. Mr. Richards replied that he hoped a sufficiently imaginative and enterprising architect might find a way of amalgamating a properly lit office building with a free use of signs disposed on different parts of the side. It might be possible that he would be clever enough to do so and allow room for one sign as big as the Coca-Cola sign, but personally he was rather doubtful.

Lastly the Inspector asked Mr. Richards how seriously he regarded pedestrian segregation, and if he could give some idea of the scale on which he thought it should be

Mr. Richards said the big problem that the modern city had got to face in the coming years was the problem of reconciling the rights of the pedestrian and the demands of motor traffic. In nearly all our cities already, traffic was tending to drive the pedestrian farther and farther into a corner; and when improvements were made in the interest of a faster flow of more traffic, it tended to destroy the city as a civilized place in which people could exist on foot. When you accepted that as the big problem that town planners had to overcome (including, of course, the L.C.C. Planning Department), some form of segregation of traffic was inevitable, some form of canalization of motor traffic that left space free for the pedestrian to go about his proper purposes in the town and live a proper town life. "Whether it demands segregation in the form of leaving the streets as they are to the motor-car and putting some of the pedestrians upstairs or down below, or a mixture of both, or providing pedestrian-ways quite independently of the traffic-ways, was a thing I would not be too positive about," said Mr. Richards.

"I would not regard the upper level pedestrian-ways as the only solution, and I certainly would not regard it as sufficient to add a few pedestrian bridges that fly over existing traffic-ways. I think, now that there is so much redevelopment going on in the West End, there is an enormous opportunity for re-thinking the whole street and pavement system in relation to segregating traffic. I hoped, from the look of the L.C.C.'s advisory scheme, that they were thinking in that direction, and am the more disappointed that this particular application seems, as I said, to stand in the way of it being brought about."

Robert Furneaux Jordan

Mr. Robert Furneaux Jordan gave a background description of the past history of Piccadilly Circus and the broader town planning issues involved. He though it was rather dangerous the way the L.C.C. had whetted the public appetite months ago with what seemed then to be a good, even imaginative, scheme for the development of the Circus as a whole. Even admitting that such a scheme could only be the basis of negotiation with developers. he found it (to say the least) disturbing that in one room of County Hall such a scheme could be produced, while in another room of County Hall collaboration could go on in the designs for a building which seemed to him to undermine not the detailed architecture, but the primary massing of the first building which was going to be built in that scheme, substituting a vertical for a horizontal

A development scheme was not finite and final, but what was the good of it if, as it would appear, almost every point was surrendered to the first developer to come along?

There were, basically, only three methods by which urban spaces had been enclosed or dealt with architecturally. The first was at St. Petersburg or Paris where the spaces were so great that they were not enclosed: one demarcated them by placing buildings around them.

The second was the backcloth or garden wall method. where the space was too big to be enclosed, but where you put a cliff of architecture as a backcloth, with the space as its foreground.

The third was complete enclosure.

Mr. Jordan continued: "Piccadilly Circus, as conceived by Nash, was such an enclosed scheme. We hope that once again Piccadilly Circus, though bigger, will become an enclosed space. That is why, Sir, on this north side, if we are to get a sense of enclosure, we have got to get a building which is primarily horizontal in pro-portion rather than vertical. I am not talking about height, and I am not claiming that a slab block will necessarily give a developer, who may be asking too much, all that he is asking; nor am I suggesting that a horizontal building should be scaled down so as not to dwarf the County Fire Office. We may have to dwarf it by building a high horizontal mass, but dwarfing it is not fighting with it as a competing vertical does, and I think, as you see there, Sir, you have got, not an enclosure, but two teeth and two gaps. There are two pieces of sky coming down on either side of that tower, whereas you could have a building, rather lower than that tower, but higher than the County Fire Office, and filling-I know the Pavilion will eventually be pulled down-virtually the gap in the sky between the County Fire Office and the Pavilion. In short, Sir, very much what the L.C.C. have got on this model here, whether the actual usages within the building work out as they intend it to or not, and whether or not the developer can be given every square foot of lettable space in electric signs that he requires."

The line of Regent Street was not just a chance thing. It had been carefully chosen as a most strategic line to seal off the slums of Soho and open out to the Ducal estates on the west. That was the basis of the plan, a basis which could no longer be sustained when you got to Piccadilly Circus, and at the first point where it was possible to happen Piccadilly Circus had always been

trying to burst out eastwards.

Some of us felt, said Mr. Jordan, that every time it had done so, Piccadilly had got worse, and the process must

not be perpetuated.

Said Mr. Jordan: "We want to get it bigger, but we do not want it to get worse. We want it to be one of the great urban enclosures, worthy of a capital city in Europe. But it is primarily in a social sense, although, of course, a great traffic place, too, an area, as has been said again and again in this inquiry, where pedestrians can stroll about on paved areas and view the signs provided for their entertainment, signs which are an entertainment as long as they are contained within the enclosure for which they are intended, and are fenced the moment they are seen beyond that area."

The L.C.C. had put forward and abandoned a scheme for pedestrian bridges. Sir Howard Robertson had said that Americans would not go up steps, but we did not plan our cities for Americans, welcome as they might be. As in the bridges of Venice, designed to take the height of a gondolier, these would save to be designed to take the height of a London bus. He suggested that we should invite the 1960 R.I.B.A. Royal Gold Medallist, Pier Luigi Nervi, to design these.

In next week's issue will be: Mr. Robert Furneaux Jordan's evidence (continued) and that of Dr. Thomas Sharp, Sir William Holford, Richard Sheppard. Denys Lasdun, David du R. Aberdeen and Miss Jane Drew.



A.G.I.P. motel in Rome, the restaurant and dining terrace in front. Architect: M. Bacciocchi

Photos: VASARI

In Rome Again

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WE first met on the terrace of a penthouse apartment just a couple of ochre-coloured blocks from the Piazza d'Espagna. The occasion was a party given by a mutual friend, and, because it was June and the evening warm and starry, the drinks and the olives, the warm sausage rolls and the cocktail biscuits were served alfresco to the twenty or so guests—Italians, Americans and English—who were enjoying the magic of a Roman summer evening. The lingering scent of jasmine, the floodlit dome of St. Peters, the sudden blue flash from the arm of a trolley bus, "Traviata" floating up from a kitchen window, the winking lights of air liners low overhead, England, do-it-yourself and the Standard Method of Measurement a thousand miles away. Life was good.

Fausto de Mario was about thirty-two years old, of medium height, with short, black, newly washed but un-oiled hair. He looked impeccably clean in a cool, dark blue, lightweight suit, three times buttoned down the front, which showed half an inch of white shirt cuff below the jacket sleeve. His skin was dark and even the whites of his eyes seemed sunburnt. His English was well phrased if slightly Americanized. "My pleasure," he said, as I shook his hand.

We talked of Rome, traffic and tourists before the conversation turned to building. Knowing Fausto was an architect I made some remark about the number of buildings under construction in the towns we had passed through on our drive from the north, and in Rome itself.

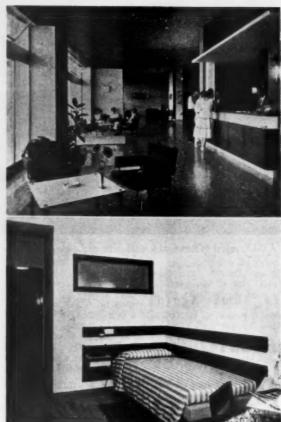
"We like to build plenty in Italy," said Fausto. "This is our character, to be modern. We must always have the new scooter, the new auto, the new-style suit, we hate last-year's model. This is one of the reasons that we build, to keep pace with architecture, which never stands still. But you must have noticed some of our roadside architecture—our service stations."

"Certainly, there was little else to watch for between Pisa and Rome, except the filling station signs—the international ones which are familiar at home and the Italian ones like the blue eagle and the six-legged dog breathing fire——."

"Ah, the six-legged dog that breathes fire," interrupted Fausto, "this is important. This is a symbol of the new Italy, the sign of Supercortemaggiore—la potente benzina Italiana—the petrol we find in the valley of the Po. This is the petrol of A.G.I.P—and A.G.I.P. has the very interesting architecture."



The A.G.I.P. motel in Rome. Left, the dining room, see plans on facing page. Below, reception and a typical bedroom. The distant view of the motel on the facing page, illustrating its commanding position, shows the service station in the foreground



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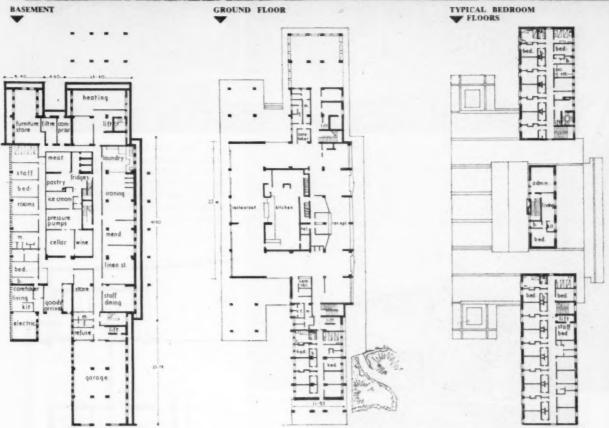
The filling stations of A.G.I.P.—Azienda Generale Italiana Petroli—are to be seen everywhere in Italy. Few tourists can have failed to notice them, for they are made distinctive by a number of common, and not so common, denominators of which cleanliness, good lettering, attractive colours, reiteration of materials (in particular the facing of klinker—a brown butt-jointed, ripple-faced tile 2in wide set vertically), good advertising and a large forecourt are the more obvious. It is the subtle attraction to the motorist of all these things that has been exploited with skill by A.G.I.P.'s central office of architects in Rome. "A.G.I.P. is one of the big things that has happened in Italy since the war," said Fausto. I am tempted to agree with him.

"But cleanliness and good design alone are not enough for us," he continued. "Even a forecourt so long that you can accelerate across it before you reach the pumps, this is not sufficient. We must have coffee and shower baths and good food always at hand. So A G I P provides this too."

A.G.I.P. provides this, too."

I thought of the A.G.I.P. service station we had called at three days previously at Follonica—some 140 miles north of Rome. I remembered the cool bar and the airy restaurant adjoining it. Washrooms and toilets faced seven feet high with mosaic tiles—no writing on the walls there. The washrooms were indicated not with lettering but by four-inch-high red plastic cut-outs of men and women stuck to the face of their doors. There was a square, full-height column, in the bar, of exposed aggregate concrete. A three-course, fixed-price meal at Follonica—or, indeed at any A.G.I.P. restaurant—costs about seven and sixpence, and for a little less than that





amount A.G.I.P. will wash and service your car for you while you eat—the wash including a high-pressure hosing of the underside, which is as rare in my part of England as wine upon a building site.

I was about to speak to Fausto about Follonica when our host, excusing himself, introduced to me an elderly English lady, a resident of Rome, who was anxious to know if I had seen "My Fair Lady". Cocktail parties being what they are I did not see Fausto again until we were in the lift going home, and it was then that he invited me to visit one of the more recent A.G.I.P. enterprises—their motel on the Via Aurelia, just north of Rome.

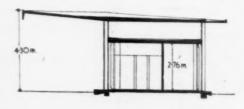
Fausto's car was a small one which he drove with the confident abandon of a man who has just robbed the bank. It was not pleasant at first sitting next to him, even with one's eyes shut, but I quickly found that he was technically expert if by nature a little carefree, and we reached kilometre 8, the site of the motel, with not so much as a crumpled wing.

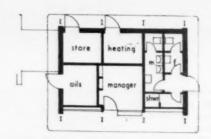
A.G.I.P.'s Motel Aurelia stands on a slope facing south-west across flat country towards the sea. At its foot and adjacent to the main road lies a large service area with garages, wash-bays and petrol pumps as well as a sizeable building incorporating bar, snack bar, tobacconist's and barber's shops and an information office. The motel itself is, by any English standard, luxury accommodation. It has beds for two hundred and fifty (all rooms with telephone and hot and cold water, and most with private shower too) and a restaurant with a long, shady terrace, stretching across the foot of the two main accommodation blocks, which





The new standard A.G.I.P. service station is illustrated on these pages. (The Grosseto Station, 110 miles north of Rome, is illustrated here.) Above, left to right, washing-bay, attendant and w.c.s and bar. Below, plan and section of the centre unit





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seats four hundred. We inspected the reception area and the restaurant, marble floored and cool, the cloak-rooms and the bar. Upstairs each bedroom was clean, inviting yet unpretentious. I was surprised, too, at the very reasonable charges—just over two pounds per day, full-board, for the most expensive room, including taxes, service charges and outdoor car park.

Later, driving back to Rome, Fausto spoke of A.G.I.P.'s plans for a new type of service station.

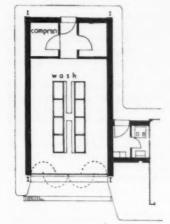
Some of these have now been built.

"There is a need now for a service station that is easy and quick to construct, adaptable to different positions and conditions. A.G.I.P. plans to build new stations of a steel-framed structure incorporating one or more of the different elements that such a building needs—accommodation for attendant, canopy, washbay, workshop, bar, shops and whatever. The design will be basic, varied for each site. In this way there is

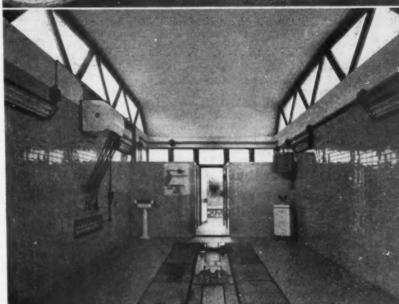


Above. the bar. See below for the plan

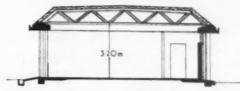








Above, top, back view of service station. Above, the washing-bay. To the left, the plan and a long section through the washing-bay, also the link between the washing-bay and the attendants' office containing the mechanics' w.c.



economy by standardization and yet always the possibility to enlarge and to extend a station when increasing traffic demands this. This is an interesting concept, no? I think you may agree that A.G.I.P. architecture is beginning to make other service stations in Italy look a bit untidy. A little bit more untidy each year."

By now we were re-entering the maelstrom of Roman traffic, dodging unrelenting mopeds and scooters and clanging trams. Fausto seemed unaffected by it all, and,

swerving to avoid an approaching lorry, said, "Do you have time for another coffee?'

I had both the time and the need of one.
"I think you thought we would hit that lorry," he continued. "So did I. But usually is all right. In Rome driving is not difficult because in Rome you always know what the other man is going to do. is going to do the stupid thing. Ah, here is a good bar. We stop."

EVENTS AND COMMENTS

"PLANNING" REVIEWED

In the B.B.C. "Building Matters", Mr. Edward Mills reviewed the current technical books including the A. & B.N. publication "Planning". Mr. Mills gave details of the make-up of the book saying that it was now in its 8th edition, having first been published in 1936. He said that he was surprised that churches were omitted. He also thought that buildings were now so complicated that planning information on them should be presented in tabular form and suggested that, in a future edition, this type of presentation might be considered. He thought that standardized and tabulated facts were of more value to an architect than detailed information and specific planning solutions. Mr. Mills finished up by saying that "Planning" was a valuable book, even if its price was three guineas.

CITY PLANNER, NEWCASTLE

The Council of the City and County of Newcastle upon Tyne has decided, after consultation with Professor J. S. Allen, president, R.T.P.I., to set up a separate town planning department under a city planning officer, at a salary in the scale £2,930 to £3,265, with essential user car allowance. The new department will, it is estimated, cost the Newcastle ratepayers about £52,000 a year and will include eventually on its staff some 20 qualified town planners. The council believes this to be an important step in civic administration. Its success will, no doubt, depend largely on the man appointed and his ability to work closely with the city architect. The word architect, by the way, is not mentioned in the report.

ANOTHER BUILDING PROFESSOR

While we in the south mumble on about Chairs of Building, the north gets on with founding them. Mr. John K. Page, B.A., has been appointed to the Chair of Building Science in the Department of Architecture at Sheffield University. He will collaborate with the Professor of Architecture in the work of the department and will develop and direct post-graduate studies and research on his subject, and will carry out and encourage original studies.

Mr. Page is at present Lecturer in Environmental Physics in the Department of Building Science of the University of Liverpool. He was for three years in the Colonial Liaison Section of the B.R.S., being mainly concerned with problems of hot climate building design. He also worked for a year under Mr. Llewelyn Davies at the Nuffield Foundation. He has been at Liverpool

since 1957.

NATIONAL PARKS REPORT

We pride ourselves, that is if we think about it at all, that we have set up in the past 10 years a remarkable series of National Parks. The idea is now accepted but the money to protect, and to develop them along the right lines is not available. Less than one-tenth of a penny per person per year is devoted to the National Parks. This does not sound very much when expressed in this way; nor does the sixpence per head per year that the National Parks Commission would like. It seems absurd, but typically British, to set up an organization without sufficient money to maintain its objects. Our countryside, so often called our national heritage, is a wasting asset and even National

Parks are not exempted from the depredations of Government departments when they are looking for sites for installations deemed, by their promoters, to be of greater national importance than National Parks.

The tenth annual report of the National Parks Commission draws attention to the need for greater public interest in the parks and for the wider expression of informed opinion in support of them. It seems to me that there is far too little propaganda on the subject. This is, no doubt, due in part to the shortage of money. The commission wages a constant struggle against the purveyors of electricity and wishes that they were less reluctant to spend the extra money required to put their power lines underground. The commission is also worried about the changes in some of our best-loved landscape which are being brought about by the widespread substitution of conifers for hardwood trees under extensive private afforestation schemes, which seem to be increasing in number. Broadcasting and television transmitting aerials, which seem now to crown every commanding height, are also deplored. The trouble is that as much as the dear British public likes its lovely countryside, it likes "civilization" more.

MIXED BAG AT THE I.C.A.

If sticking pictures of Brigitte Bardot on cupboard doors is art then I'm an artist. Mr. Peter Blake has filled a corner of the I.C.A. with what schoolboys and soldiers, sailors and airmen would call pin-ups, and he has included the famous life-sized job of La Bardot which he has decorated with tinsel paint and, apparently-this is rather sinister-transfixed with various kinds of knives. In a large gilt frame a femalepainted face wearing real sun glasses looks out above a bosom plastered with medals cut from old labels and coloured paper. Two Victorian dressmakers' dummies, one wearing general's, or are they admiral's, badges of rank, are similarly decorated. A girl-covered cupboard holds nothing but a pair of black-and-white-painted shoes. All jolly fun, which is a great deal more than can be said for Mr. John Latham's "Libraries".

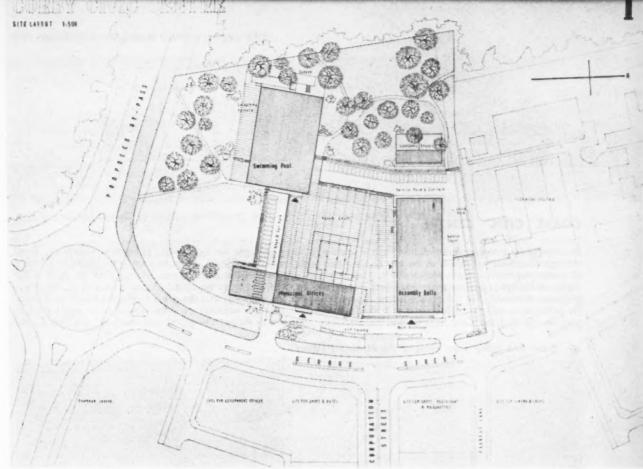
These consist of compositions of burned books and

molten metal, pipes, old batteries and wire stuck on grey-black backgrounds and hung vertically. Only the smell of "after the fire" is missing. As an essay in the exceptionally unpleasant these productions are a great

Theo Crosby's sculpture in white plaster and pieces of coloured and textured glass is gay and amusing for the most part. The likenesses, where they exist, are of the sculptor himself, as you might say, filled with broken glass. I liked particularly the two pieces named bachelor MK I and II. Crosby's collages of coloured tissue paper shown in the library are, to my mind, the best things in the exhibition. They have wonderful colour and exuberance.

THAT DUSTBIN

You will remember the A.B.S. competition which involved calculating the number of nails in a B.S. dustbin. Well, three firms of quantity surveyors had the jolly task of counting them and made the total 45,289. The nearest entry came from Mr. W. V. Morgan, of Newport, Mon., who calculated, or more probably guessed, 45,298: he won the boat given by Mr. Howard Lobb. Second prize went to Miss Pauline Witten, of Belfast, who thought that there were 45,277 nails. It would have been interesting to know how many entries there were and what were the outside



A layout of the winning design with, below, a view of the existing site from Corporation Street

CORBY CIVIC CENTRE COMPETITION RESULT

- First premiated design (£1,000) Enrico de Pierro, Nigel Farrington and John Dennys [No. 9]
- Second premiated design (£750) John Peverley and Paul Buckhurst [No. 49]
- Joint third (£250) Collcutt and Hamp [No. 12]
- Joint third (£250) Peter Dunham, Widdup, and Harrison [No. 61]

Report of the Assessor, Edward D. Mills

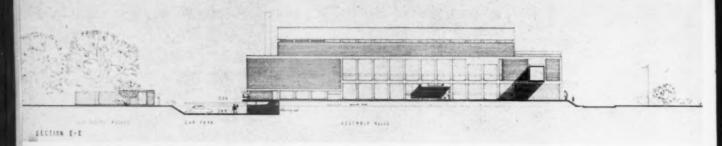
IN confirming my award for the above competition, dated January

4, 1960, I have pleasure in reporting on the schemes submitted as follows.

The 71 designs submitted were examined in great detail and the first premium was awarded to Scheme No. 9, which I considered to be an outstanding design, which complies in all respects with the conditions and should result in an attractive building, easily maintained and operated, and worthy of the important site for which it was designed. The general layout is very compact and makes good use of the site levels, taking full advantage of the view of the woods from Corporation Street, and providing an attractive route through the

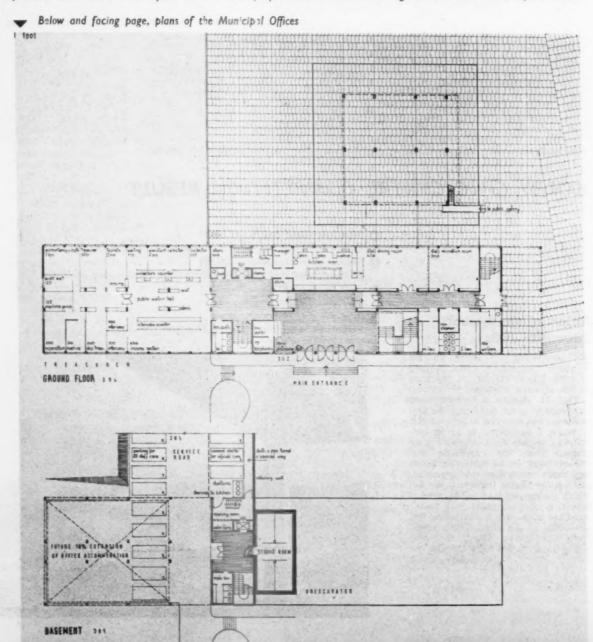
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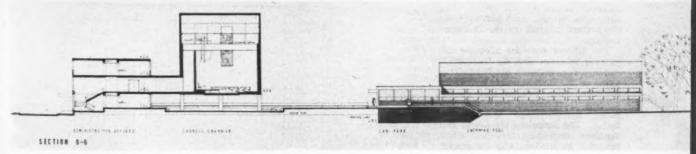




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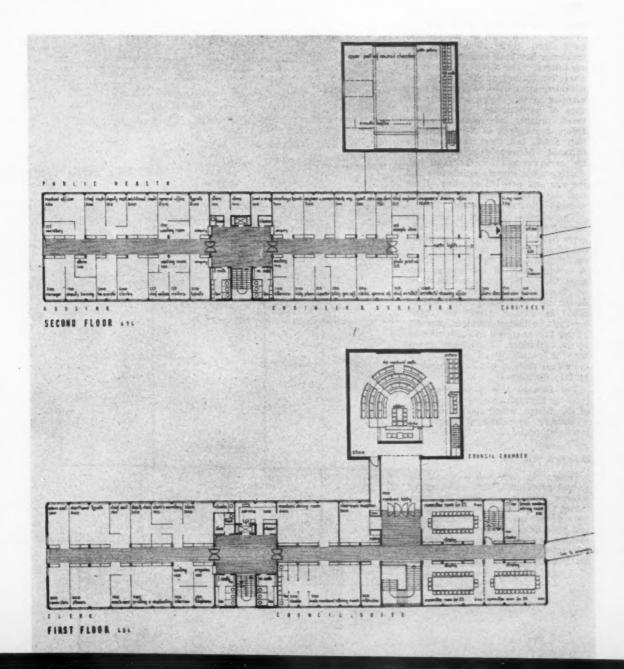
In designing the general layout of building on the site the following principles were considered of primary importance. First, that the Town Centre, bounded at the east by the Police Station and Court House, should be visually concluded by a square of similar importance to the Market Place. Secondly, that the general line of the woods running from the back of the Technical College across the proposed by-pass should be maintained, and that trees should be visible not only for the length of Corporation Street, but also from all other approaches to the site. Thirdly, that the new Civic Square should be reserved for pedestrians, and that vehicular access should be strictly controlled, and that car parks should be as unobtrusive as possible. So that the Civic Square shall be used fully, entrances to the swimming both and small hall are from it, and





First premiated design by Enrico de Pierro, Nigel Farrington and John Dennys [No. 9]

the existing public right of way to the north of the site is diverted to run through it. Structure: Offices, assembly halls and pool, to be of concrete frame and floor slabs, pre-cast and in situ. Council chamber to be of concrete floor slab on columns with loadbearing brick walls above slab. Caretakers' houses to be of loadbearing brickwork. Roof: Offices to be of pre-cast concrete sections. Assembly hall and pool hall to be of pre-cast post-tensioned concrete trusses with lightweight pre-cast slabs over. Council chamber to have timber strutting with timber joists. External walls: To be of cavity walling. External skin to be in facing brick, internal skin in loadbearing insulating building blocks



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site to the woods, as an alternative to the present footpath by the Technical College.

The scheme provides adequate car parking facilities and, by the careful use of levels, provides excellent circulation to the various buildings and, at the same time, ensures that all car parking is concealed from the proposed by-pass road and George Street. The elevations are simple and dignified, depending for their effect on good proportions and the careful choice of materials, colours and textures. In this connection, the choice of treatment for the exposed concrete frame to the administration block will need careful consideration as this is not specified in the competitor's report, and painted concrete is not considered a suitable weathering finish

for a building of this standard. The colour and material of the infill panels will also need careful con-

sideration.

The planning of individual buildings is exceptionally good and the detailed arrangement of the asembly halls with their cloakrooms and lavatories has been exceptionally well considered. The Civic Square is an attractive feature of the scheme, but consideration should be given to some planting in this region to relieve the area of hard paving. There are a small number of minor planning errors, particularly in the administration block, but these can easily be adjusted. Mention must be made of the arrangements for the rates hall which are not entirely satisfactory and the size and position of some of the

staff lavatories could be improved

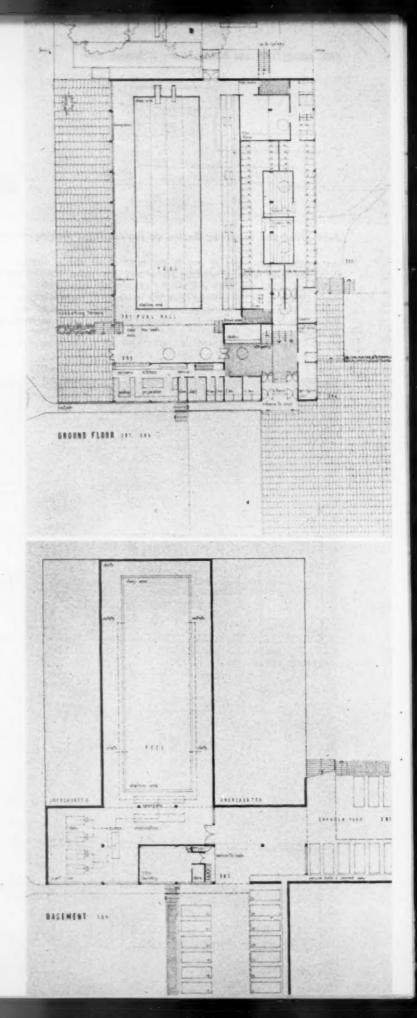
with a little rearrangement. The estimate of costs is well presented, but the costs per foot cube given by this competitor are generally considered to be optimistically low, resulting in a total figure of £496,417. A careful study of the scheme suggests that with certain modifications which would not materially affect the design of the buildings, the scheme could be erected within the upper limit of the budget estimate, plus the 10 per cent marginal increase allowed by the conditions. The scheme allows for the possibility of building the individual units in phases as required by the conditions.

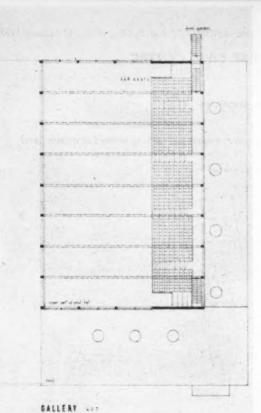
The Council are to be congratulated on the high architectural quality of this design, which should result in a building of which they can be justifiably proud.

Design No. 49

Design No. 49 which was awarded, second premium is also an excellent scheme with a spacious forecourt facing George Street, good economic use of the site, dignified elevations and good detailed planning. The car parking arrangements are not so satisfactory as the scheme awarded first premium, and a number of other

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Above, and facing page, plans of the swimming bath

CORBY CIVIC CENTRE

First premiated design

THE ARCHITECT and Building News, 13 January 1960

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For the purpose of calculating the cubic contents of the buildings, the height is taken to include 3ft from top of foundations to ground floor, 2ft above flat roofs and halfway up pitched roofs.

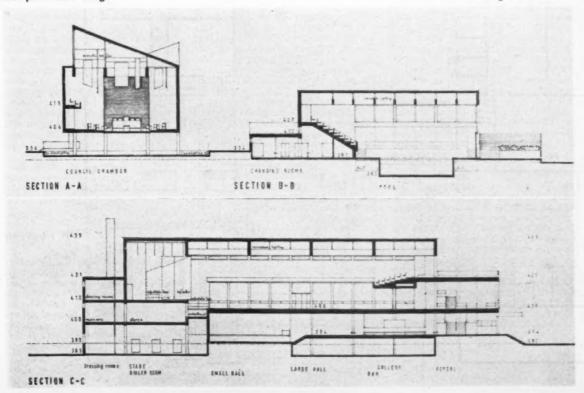
Basements are only partly submerged and cost is partly accounted for by the service road excavations, and allowance has been made in the rates for these excavations.

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Main block				445,750			89,150
Part basement		***		24,000	at	36	4,200
Lift and tank re	oom			1,600	(a	2/6	200
Council chambe	er			134,232	(a	4 -	26,846
Link to assemb	ly hall			6,000	la	3/-	900
							121,296
ASSEMBLY HA	LLS						
Main block		100		733,050			152,510
Basement		***		132,678	(a	4 6	29,852
							182,362
SWIMMING B							
Main block				514,869			107,264
Basement	* * *	***		132,324	ia	4 6	29,772
							137,036
CARETAKERS'	Hous	ES		23,108	ia	4 6	5,200
LIFTS							6,250
SITE WORKS							
Paved court		4 210ud -	wher		10	30 -	6,465
Service road e	XCO-	4,370,03	uper		160	30	0,403
taining walls		6 67 Sud s	uber	Sft deep		12 -	4.005
Service road pa						40/-	13.350
Paths, etc.		0,013/0					2,500
Pool terrace		435yd s				30 -	653
Tree thinning,							5,500
Connecting to							350
commercing to	0200000	g supp.		r		***	0.00
				ricity			257
Site drainage		500ft a		tural dra			
Contingencies		***			***		10.000
							44,273
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Swimming bath sections

£496,417

TOTAL COST OF SCHEME

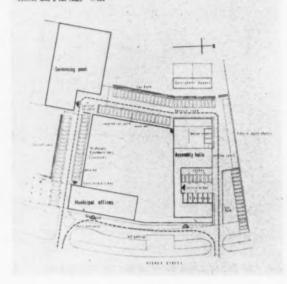


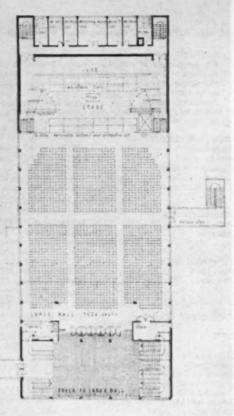
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First premiated design

Below, service roads and parking planned at a lower level

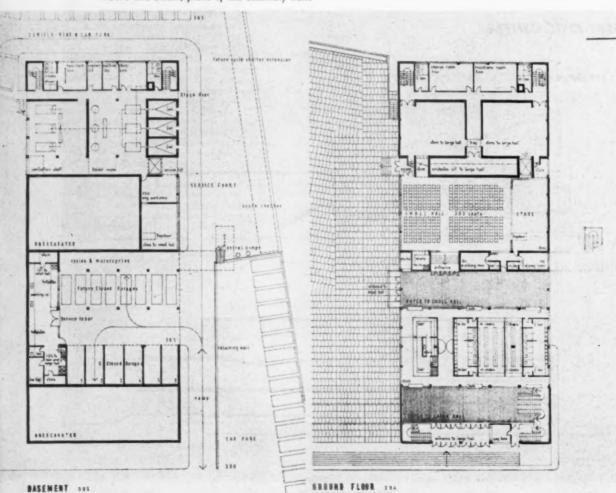


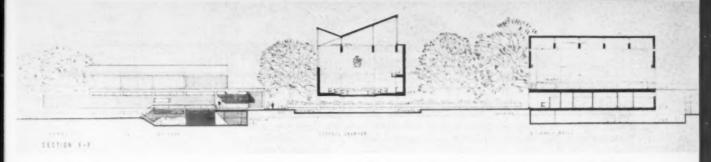


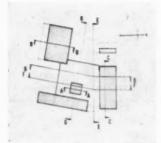


FIRST FLOOR ---

Above and below, plans of the assembly halls







4 Key to sections

Vehicular access (see plan opposite) is from George Street and occurs at two points only. Direct access is allowed to the Municipal Offices and this is joined by a ring service road which leads to car parks on the north, south and west sides. Service entrances to each of the main blocks and to the caretakers' houses are approached directly from this

A wide, paved pedestrian crossing is situated at the end of Corporation Street and is the main pedestrian access to the square. Pedestrian bridges at the north and east of the swimming bath connect to paths leading into the woods and towards the proposed by-pass



Assessor's Report Continued

Continued from page 48

planning faults can be observed, in particular the relation of the swimming bath to the office block which would lead to disturbance to the offices by noise from the swimming bath, particularly in summer months. Service access from the parking area to the swimming bath is inadequate. Although the detailed planning is generally good, the chair stores to the assembly hall are too small and the boiler house is inadequate in size. The competitor did not submit a schedule of measurements for checking as part of his report as required by the conditions, but the estimated costs given are considered to be reasonable and realistic and the scheme could be erected within the budget, plus 10 per cent.

Designs Nos. 12 and 61

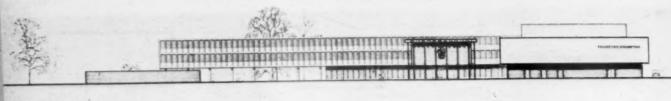
Designs 12 and 61 were placed equally third. In the case of No. 12, this is a good compact layout with single entry to the site for road traffic. The detailed planning arrangements are not as good as the first and second premiated schemes. The assembly hall is not sufficiently adaptable for

the various uses envisaged. The caretakers' houses assume too much prominence in the scheme and the ugly factory chimney would be too prominent. Detailed planning of the scheme is, however, excellent in parts and in particular the plan of the swimming bath and stage planning in the assembly hall. The elevations are simple and attractive, but the estimate is extremely optimistic.

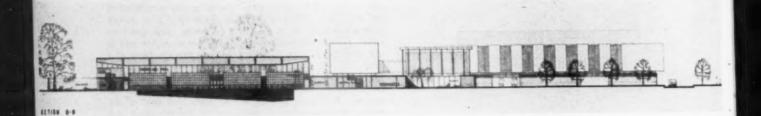
Design No. 61 has a well-considered layout with a car park well screened from the roads and the untidy side of the technical college well screened from George Street. One major disadvantage of the layout is the fact that access to all buildings is through the car park. The assembly hall ground floor cloakroom planning, which is an important part of the programme, is not as good as the first and second premiated schemes and the open sided arrangement for the assembly halls would not be satisfactory in practice. The elevations are interesting and would mass well, giving a dignified appearance from both George Street and the new bypass road. Traffic routeing throughout the scheme has been well considered. The estimate figure of £509,238 is realistic.

All four schemes are extremely well presented, No. 9 being particularly attractive in this respect, showing evidence of a great deal of research and careful study of the problem.

The competition produced number of interesting and ingenious designs for the civic centre. Nos. 47 and 48 are to be commended for compact site planning and layout; many competitors ignored the requirement for compact planning and many also ignored the requirement that a view of the woods from Corporation Street was regarded as desirable. In general, the solution of the car parking problem was inadequate and in many cases the circulation, both inside and outside buildings, was ill considered. Few competitors produced a successful solution to the problem of the dual use of the assembly halls. The winning scheme was particularly successful in this respect. A number of competitors indulged in curious shapes and forms, particularly for the assembly hall and swimming bath and many failed to explain how these were intended to be constructed, and also ignored the fact that the use of such shapes would undoubtedly increase the cost of the building.

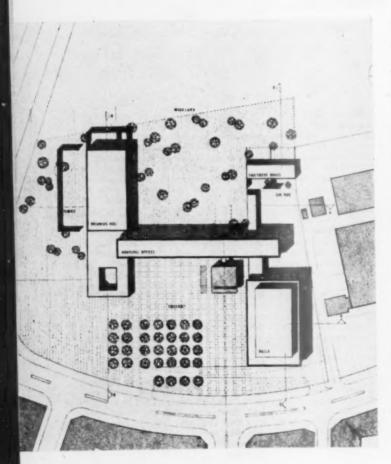


ELEVATION TO GEORGE STORE!



CORBY CIVIC CENTRE

Second premiated design by John Peverley and Paul Buckhurst [No. 49]



COST ESTIMATE

The cube rate is low as the cubic contents include an open area under the building and is measured to the outer face on plan of the structural mullions. Top of foundations taken as 4ft below ground level.

including council chamber, link, basement, municipal offices, treasurer's department, link to assembly hall, boiler house

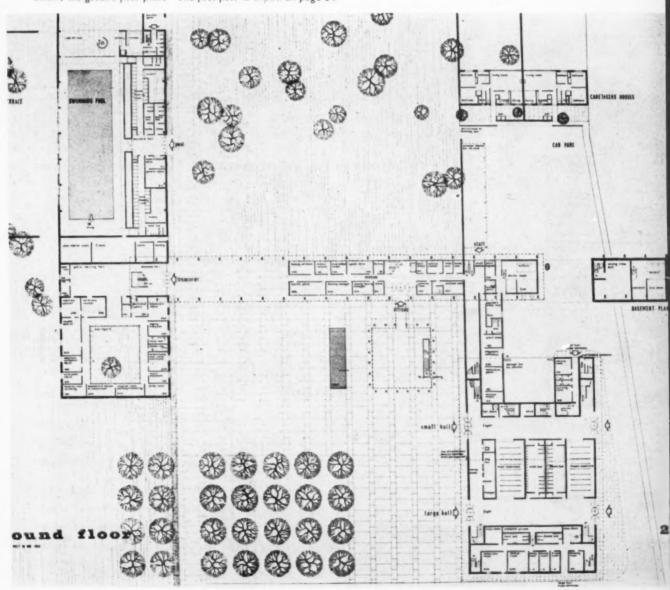
chimney.		
434 400 6 4 31	198,800	£
634,400 cu ft @ 6 3} Garage under assembly halls, 24,000 cu ft	170,000	
	7,200	
Caretaker's bungalows (2ft foundations) 32,500 cu ft @ 4/31	7,000	
Total cost of municipal offices		213,000
ASSEMBLY HALLS		
Top of foundations taken as 4ft below ground level		
669,600 cu ft @ 6/	201,000	
Less cost of garage included above	7,200	
Total cost of assembly halls		193,800
SWIMMING BATH		
Top of foundations taken as 4ft below ground level		
389,000 cu ft @ 5 0}		98,000
Cost of layout, site works, etc.:		
Pre-cast concrete paved areas	7,400	
Tarmacadam areas, car shelter	3,500	
Drainage	5,200	
Gravel paved areas		
Ornamental pool		
General site contouring and grassing	2,000	
The state of the s		19,800
Total cost of scheme excluding professional fees and furniture		€524,600
lees and lanneage		5057,000

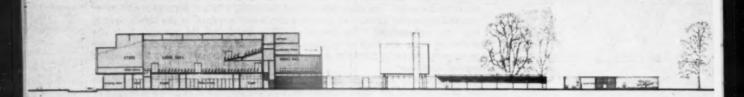
€524,600

The essential requirement that the existing woodland to the west of the site should be visible and accessible from Corporation Street has determined the character of the three buildings. The assembly hall and swimming bath are parallel to each other and to Corporation Street, and provide a directional emphasis to the public right of way into the woodland. The Municipal Offices which link the assembly halls and swimming baths are built on columns so that whilst the spatial effect of a square terminating the end of Corporation Street is created, the vista through to the woodland beyond is retained

The Civic Centre is grouped around three sides of a paved square, which acts as the focal point of the whole composition. . . . The fourth side is partially formed by a geometric gridwork of low, dense, deciduous trees, which also continue the southern line of Corporation Street, projected onto the site

Below, the ground floor plan. The first floor is shown on page 54

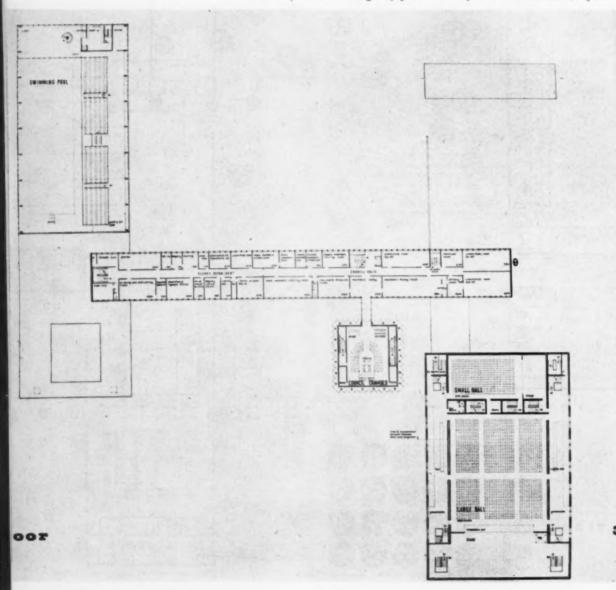


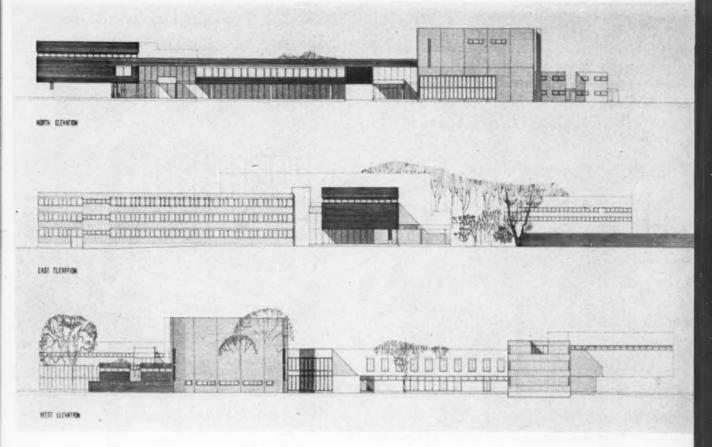


Above, a section taken through the assembly halls. Below, the first floor plan

CORBY CIVIC CENTRE

Second premiated design by John Peverley and Paul Buckhurst [No. 49]



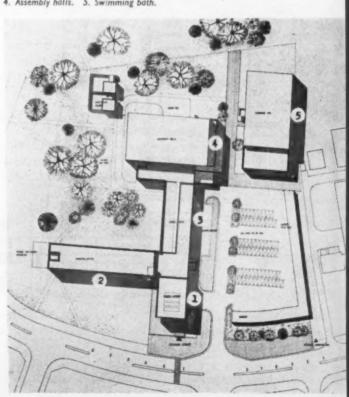


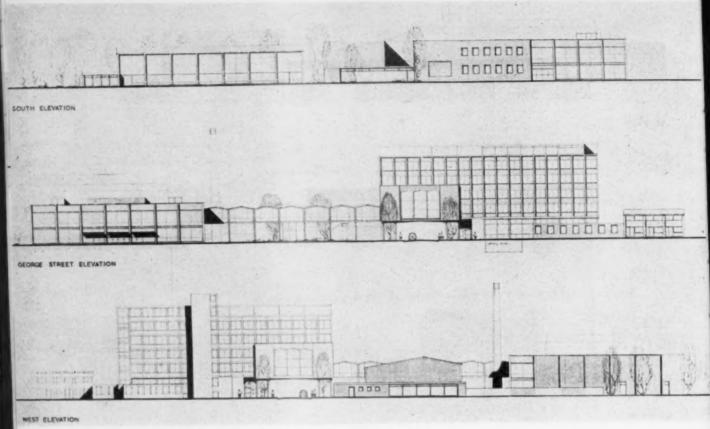
Third premiated design by Peter Dunham, Widdup, and Harrison [No. 61]

COST ESTIMATE

MUNICIPAL OFFICES	ETC.				
	,			€	£
(a) Council chamber	116.064f	ruhe G	8/-	47,426	_
(b) Entrance hall	73,248f			21.974	
(c) Canteen, etc.	136,032f			40.810	
(d) Departmental off		r cape in	9 0/-	40,010	
(a) Departmental off	325,928f	e cuba G	0.41	07 500	
	323,7201	t cube (a	0 0 -	97,589	207 700
					207,799
ASSEMBLY HALLS					
(a) Entrance and for			412	10.034	
/b) C!! b-!!	88,640ft			19,836	
(b) Small hall	11,320	t cube @	4.3	16,432	2/ 2/0
15 61 1 11					36,268
(c) Cloakrooms, din					
etc.	130,052			45,518	
(d) Assembly hall	459,1221	t cube	1 4 -	91,825	
					173,611
Swimming pool	544 4404	a cuba c	. 41	100 220	
Swimming booi	546,6401	c cube	1 4/-	109,328	100 220
External weeks incl	uding house			12.500	109,328
External works incl	uning pove	o conce	purse	12,500	12 500
Carana and suela sta				3.000	12,500
Garage and cycle st	ore	000	***	3,000	2 000
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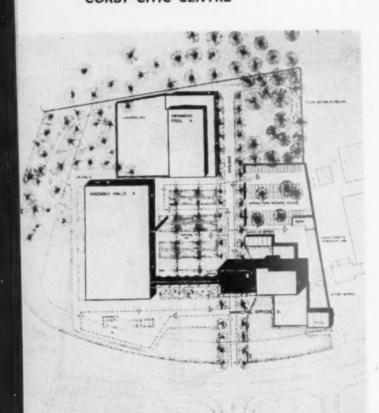
KEY. I. Council chamber. 2. Municipal offices. 3. Council suite. 4. Assembly halls. 5. Swimming bath.





Third premiated design by Collcutt and Hamp [No. 12]

CORBY CIVIC CENTRE



COST ESTIMATE

MUNICIPAL OFFICES Offices Three houses	Cu Ft 566,798 @ 25,740 @	6 - 170,039	Totals
Total for municipal offices	592,538	175.187	175,187
ASSEMBLY HALLS Halls Covered way	991,822 a 3 16,250 a	3 - 148,773 6 - 4,875	
Total cost of assembly halls I	,008,072	153,648	153,648
SWIMMING BATH	356,288 a	3 10 68,289	
LAUNDRY Filtration plant	21,252 a	7 3 7,703	
Total cost of swimming pool	377,540	75,992	75,992
BOILER HOUSE Ventilation plant in halls cube Boiler house Fuel store Areas	96,096 a	7 3 34,834	34,834
GARAGES Six lock-up garages Fourteen members' cars and cycles	10,260 (a)	24 1,197	
Layout, site works, external		3,108	3,108 22,800
works and landscaping TOTAL COST OF SCHEME		£465,569	



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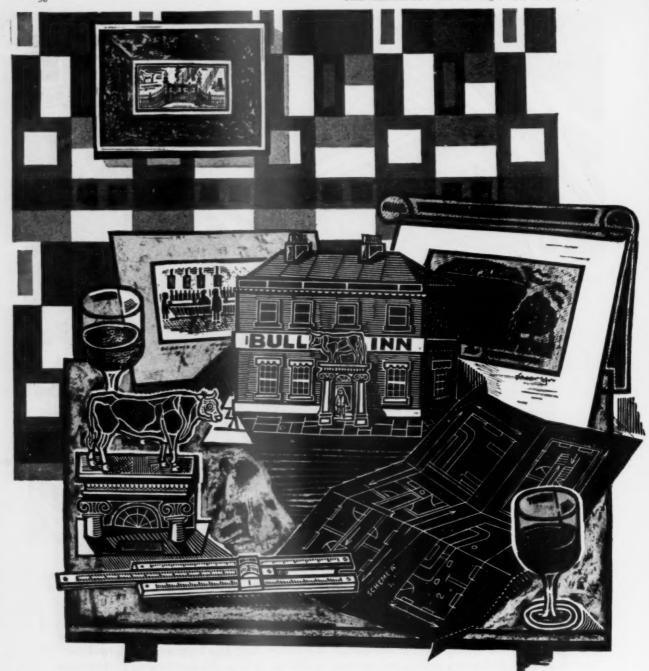


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NEW PARTITIONS II

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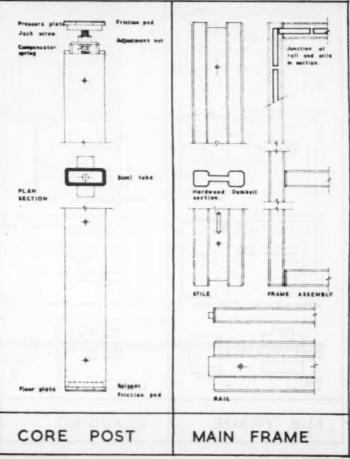
The primary structural unit of Walways partitions consists of a steel pressure post incorporating a screw jack with compensating spring. The partition unit, itself, is entirely self-contained and independent. This central core post is the only fixing link that is necessary to the building.

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Top right, a three-way junction in a 4f. module of timber and plastics veneered panels. Right, detail of the steel pressure post and "dumb-bell" section. The latter, placed in different combinations, provides connection with the posts and houses the various subframe members (see also isometric detail on page 58). Above, the "Mouse-trap" panel clip. Panels are removed by applying a rubber suction pad to one face and pulling against the spring





THE WALWAYS

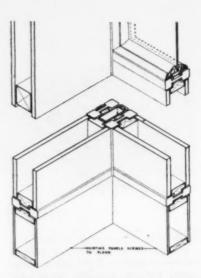
frame between the two posts and securing it with thumb screws.

This erection system is possible, and the cladding that is to follow is now possible, with the ingenious mechanism of a spring clip, known as the "Mousetrap".

The panelling is simply offered up to the frame, the "Mousetrap" snaps into position and the panels are secured under constant tension. (This method of invisibly fixing is one of the essentials of the demountability of the partition and also of the final flushness of the finish.)

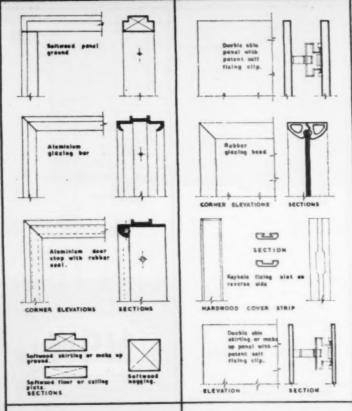
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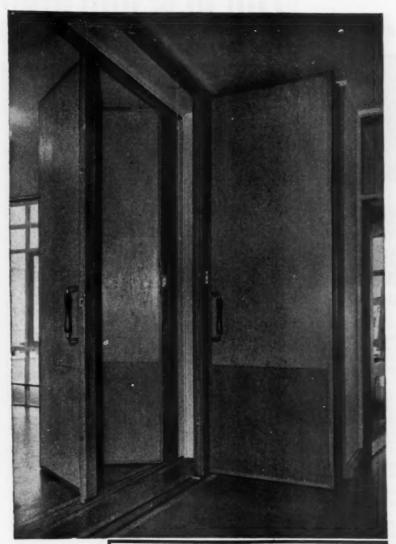
Top left, a door unit with glazed transom. Left, sub-frame sections (fitted within "dumb-bell" frame shown on page 57) and cladding detail. Above, a cut-away isometric section shows the core post, main frame, sub-frame and cladding combined to form a two-way junction





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NEW PRODUCTS

In this feature are reviewed new lines introduced to the building industry for the first time and additions or improvements to existing ones. Any advantages claimed for a product are from information supplied by the manufacturer

New Thermal Insulation (A)

Low density cellular phenolic resin foams are now being used for thermal insulation and also as a lightweight core material for sandwich panels. They can be made in densities from I to 6lb per cu ft. This company supplies a resin, a hardener and a foaming agent for mixing together to make these foams. The mixture is poured into a mould for making large blocks for cutting into slabs. complete mixing and foaming process takes less than 10 minutes. Typical properties of phenolic resin foam prepared in the laboratory at a density of 4lb per cu ft are: compressive strength to 10 per cent deformation-45lb per sq in; compressive modulus-700lb per sq in; thermal conductivity—0.27; flammability—self extinguisning; water absorption-7.2gm per cu in. The preparation of foam with a density of 4lb per cu ft is: 100 parts by weight of resin should be mixed with 7 parts of foaming agent paste and 24 parts of acid accelerator. Mixing can be carried out by hand, but it is recommended that machine mixing should be carried out whenever possible. The material can easily be sawn, when assembling panels, by conventional techniques. Our illustration shows techniques. Our illustration shows (from left to right); (1) section of building panel faced with Warerite Mezzola pattern cut away to show

structural grade of foam; (2) block of lightweight phenolic foam (1lb per cu ft); (3) block of structural grade of paenolic foam (4ft per cu ft); (4) structural foam sandwiched between panels of Stelvetite p.v.c. covered metal sheet.

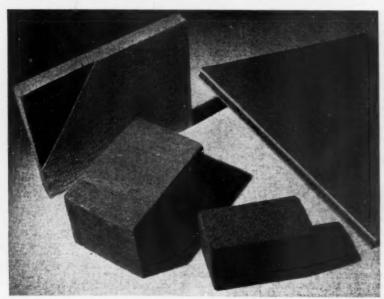
Bakelite Ltd., 12/18 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1. Sloane 0898. Readers' Information Service, Ref. A. Date 13/1/60.

Additional Hurseal Radiators

The Hurseal range of Towel-Rad radiators has been increased to include three more models ranging from 0.350kW to 0.500kW, with a special model for greater drying capacity. They each have three heated towel rails and the lower section is an 11in high panel radiator which has sufficient heating surface to warm the average bathroom or kitchen. The towel rails are oil-filled and form an integral part of the complete unit. The radiator and towel rails are thermostatically controlled. Finish: white, pink or blue stove enamel.

Hurseal Ltd., 229 Regent Street, London, W.1. Regent 1051.

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New School Closet (C)

A new wall-mounted closet made of vitreous china has been added to "Standard" range of sanitary appliances. It is the Sanwall 12in model and is intended for use in primary schools, children's hospitals etc., and is similar in shape to the recently introduced full size model. Differences are that the rim is tapered towards the front of the bowl and that the inlet is raised. It is available with either a back horizontal or top vertical inlet. The Sanwall can be mounted on a concealed cast-iron chair-bracket for building into wall and floor; or the cast-iron bracket only for building into wall. When fitted, the Sanwall is clear of the floor making for easy cleaning.

Ideal Boilers & Radiators Ltd., Ideal House, Great Marlborough Street, London, W.1.

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New Air Heater (D)

The Turbo-Static oil-fired air heater is a new appliance which is being made initially in three sizes, rated at 250,000, 350,000 and 500,000 B.Th.U./ hr. It embodies a fundamentally new system of combustion air supply in that the mixture is 16lb of air to 11b of gas oil, as compared with the conventional oil-fired air heater in which the mixture usually varies between 20 to 50lb of air to 1lb gas oil. The difference between the two forms of heater lies in the control of the combustion air supply. In this new unit a pressure blower forces air into the combustion chamber through a series of vaned slots in the inner chamber wall. The vanes impart a swirl to the air and two contrarotating air streams are created. These air streams fulfil three distinct functions. First, the interaction between them creates air turbulence and provides complete and rapid mixing of the oil mist and the air. As a result of this, excess air requirements are reduced to a minimum. Secondly, the vortices hold the flame so that complete combustion is achieved in a limited space less than 15in long. Thirdly, the outer air stream forms a barrier layer to prevent the flame

NEW PRODUCTS (continued)

from impinging on the chamber walis. This means that the size of the combustion chamber can be greatly reduced and is in fact about 15 times smaller than in conventional heaters. Also, there is no flame impingement to cause deterioration of the chamber walls. The chamber is isolated and insulated from the main air supply by two outer walls, through which the combustion air flows. Thus conduction heat loss is practically nil and combustion air is preheated to temperatures above the evaporation temperature of the oil mist, and instantaneous combustion occurs throughout the flame. Temperatures greater than 3,000 deg F can be achieved throughout the chamber and at this temperature all the oil mist is evaporated to eliminate sooting up. Approximately 5 per cent of the combustion air enters the chamber unheated, through angled slots around the fuel injection com-



ponents. This means that the injection components are cooled continuously and protected from the effects of the high temperature. Combustion gases are forced down the pressurized chamber into a heat exchanger through which they proceed in contra-flow to the main air supply so that maximum heat exchange is achieved in the shortest distance. Since the combustion chamber is under pressure, blow back is most unlikely to occur and combustion efficiency will not be affected by variation in wind or weather conditions; and the air supply to the burner does not have to be adjusted by a skilled operator. All controls and components are concealed beneath the casing so that there are no projecting parts to offer an obstruction.

Colt Ventilation Ltd., Surbiton, Surrey. Elmbridge 0161. Readers' Information Service, Ref. D. Date 13/1/60.

Glass Fibre Sinks (E)

A new PRF range of glass fibre sink tops is made on a double lamination principle in order to provide a stronger product than is usually the case. It is claimed by the makers that they have overcome the tendencies to split and

craze, which have been characteristic of insufficiently stressed glass-fibre products. Double and single drainer units are produced with upstanding backs for flush fitting to walls. Two sizes of reversible single drainers without upstanding backs are also produced. Overflow and waste fittings can be supplied as an extra and tap holes drilled to order. It is claimed that the sinks will withstand abrasive action and boiling water. The range consists of the Sonning single reversible drainer (36in by 18in); the Kennet single unit with upstanding back (42in by 21in); the Avon single reversible drainer (42in by 18in); the Isis double drainer with upstanding back (42in by 18in) and the Marlow double drainer with upstanding back (63in by 21in). Colours: white, ivory, cream, blue, green, red and primrose. Prices from £7 10s to £13 2s 6d each. Precision Reinforced Fibres Ltd., Meadow Road, Reading, Berks.

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New Flooring Adhesive

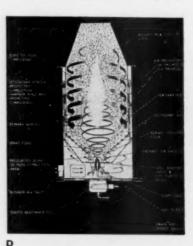
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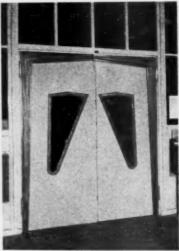
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ESSENTIAL ON-COSTS				
Fees payable to L.C.C. fo	e District Surve	vor:		
The new buildings of ordinary			ding	
5,000 cubic feet		CACCC	ding	£3
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Over 5,000 cubic feet for every	y extra 1,000 cui	HC TEE	t up	41
to 1,000 cubic feet add				4/-
Buildings over four storeys ac			feet	
extra for each storey up to e	eight			3d
ALTERATIONS AND ADDI	TIONS			
Up to £100 cost				£3
Over £100 up to £1,000.—	Por £100 cost			15/-
Over £1,000 up to £5,000.—	Ditto		0 0	5/-
Over £5,000	Ditto			3/-
Public buildings add 50%				
Steel framed or R.C. building	s.—See L.C.C. (Gener	al Pow	ers Act
1955) also fees in respect of				

Allowance to cover National Insurances, Holidays with	
Pay and Public Holidays, Welfare, Third Party Risk,	
Travelling and Guaranteed Week is made in the rates	
attached to the items.	2100
Allow for Fire Insurance	1/6%
Allow for hoarding, or similar licences in City of London	
Do, under Borough Councils per each month	say 2/0
Allow for Office, Fire, Attendance on C. of W., etc. p. week	Say 50/-

ADMINISTRATION	
Percentage costs on	normal contracts in accordance with Builders
Turnover per Annum	see appropriate column hereunder:

SPOT IT	EMS	AND	DEMOLITION,	ETC.	Per	ft run
On job		0.0	6%	51%	41%	4%
At depot			13%	9%	7%	6%
Place	4.4		25	50	75	100
			Tur	nover in	Thousands	

SPOT ITEMS AND	DEMOLI	TIO	N, ETC	Pe	r ft run
Hoarding erected and	removed			 	20/-
Planked gangway with	handrail,	etc.	do.	 	10/-
Proper gantry do.				 	78/-
Sleeper roadways				 	16/6
Needling, strutting an and use and waste in				ours Per	ft cube
und use und waste in	i ciccion	MIIG	Temore	 • •	201

ALTERATION-DEMOLITION—	Brick	11 Brick		Per yard
Cutting out cement concrete or	(Pe	er ft sur	er)	cube
brickwork in small quantities	1/3	2/6	3/7	64/-
Do. if either in very small quantities				
or reinforced	2/2	4/1	6/-	95/-
Debris into baskets and removed				
from inside to outside of bldg.	31d	7 <i>d</i>	9d	14/-

SCAFFOLDING (Avg. 45ft high)	Period	
Per yard superficial	1 month	3 months	5 months
Putlog type—4ft 6in lift	8/-	10/6	13/6
Do. —6ft 0in do	5/6	8/-	10/6
Independent type—4ft 6in lift	10/6	14/6	19/-
Do. —6ft 0in do.	7/6	10/6	13/-

EXCAVATION	Common	Loamy		Rock or
Per Yard Cube By hand	Soil	Clay	or Clay	similar
Reducing levels	7/-	8/4	9/9	64/3
Surface trench not exceed-				
ing 5ft deep	14/1	16/10	22/5	79/10
Do, from 5ft to 10ft	25/9	28/11	34/7	87/2
Do. from 10ft to 15ft	29/3	34/10	40/11	95/4
Fill in and ram	5/9	6/4	6/4	6/2
Barrowing 25vd	3/3	3/7	3/7	4/2
Load vehicles and tip 8				
miles away	17/9	17/9	18/9	19/7

PLANK AND	STRUT		To 5ft	5 to 10ft	10 to 15f
To trenches, in	normal	ground	 deep	deep	deep
Per Ft Super		0 0	 7 <i>d</i>	$8\frac{1}{2}d$	10d

CONCRETE 14in Ballast Aggregate	Per	yard cube
1:3:6 Cement concrete in foundations	 	80/-
Do. around grillages	 	83/-

REINFORCED CONCRETE

1	: 2 : 4—lin formwork in				
	Foundation				 90/0
	Walls, 12ir	thick or	more .		 96/-

Sectional inches Up to 36 36 to 72 72 to 144	4/8	casi 5/ 5/	ins and ings 2	Braces a projecti 5/4 5/2	Per	cubic ft do.
72 to 144	4/5 4/3		11	5/1 5/-		do.
Walls 6in thic Do. 9in thic Suspended flo	ck		• •	1		super yd do. do.
REINFORCI Per cwt	NG ROD	S (round)		d placed	I. (Ex	Mills)—
In floors ar	nd beams	92/-			75/9	67/6
In walls		98/-	8.5	5/-	79/9	70/6
In columns		. 105/6	90	0/3	81/-	73/9
FORMWOR	K and Sur	ports (4 ti	mes use))—		
Floor soffit 20/3 per ya	s B	leams 3/-	Walls 2/8	5		umns r super ft
	s B	leams	Walls	5		

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BRICKWORK						
BRICKWORK per	YARD	super	ficial re	educed	to Of	NE BRICK
in thickness (scaff	old to ac	(bl)—		In 1	: 3 cen	nent mortar
Flettons or other sin	nilar at	118/- 1	per 1,00	0		42/-
Mild Stocks or do						57/9
Second Stocks or do	at 329	6 per	1,000			66/-
Southwater enginee					00/6	
per 1,000						78/-
Blue Staffordshire w	ire cut a	1 542/	6 per 1.	000		94/3
Deduct if 1:1:6					d in	
lieu of 1:3 Portl	and Cen	ent m	ortar			2d
Add if brickwork co	mmence	s abov	e groui	nd leve	1	4/9
Do, if in backing to	o mason	ry inc	luding	cutting	and	
waste for bonding	2					3/10
Do. If circular-on-r					* *	9/-
Do. If in underping	ning					9/-

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BRICKWORK IN THIC	KNESS	NOT RI	EDUCED-	_
Per yard superficial	Brick, on edge walls		1 Brick finished fair both sides	with 2in cavity and G.I. TIES
In Flettons or similar		23/4		49/3
In second stocks or do. Add: for pointing as work proceeds, per	31/-			72/-
side Thickness to old wall ing cutting, toothi	s, includ- ing and	Fletton		1/9
bonding to same an total thickness of $\frac{3}{4}$ bri Do. all as last but a	ck	57/-	72/-	Per yd super
total thickness of 11 be			102/6	do.

WALLS BUILT IN SUPERIOR	BRICKS	_	
In 1:3 Cement mortar, fair fair	ced and poi	inted on bo	th sides as
the work proceeds:-	Half-Brick	One Brick	
In first quality Stocks at 355/6	44/-	73/-	Per yd
In red facings at 330/-	38/6	67/9	super
In blue pressed facings at 604/-	60/-	104/9	do.

GENERAL AND SUNDRY			
Cut tooth and bond new brickwork to old		5/9	per ft
Damp proof course, double slate, horizontal		4/9	super
Do., as last, but vertical	0.0	5/9	do.
Do., bitumen, Hessian base, horizontal		1/-	do.
Frames, bed and point in cement mortar, one s	ide 41d	per	ft ru
Window board of 6in by 6in by 7in rounded or	edge		

Window board of 6in by 6in by Jin quarry tiles, bedded, pointed, cut		dge 4/3 do.
Terra-cotta air bricks built in and pointed, including flue	9in by 6in 6/6	9in by 9in 11/6 each
Chimney pots, plain red, set and flaunched in cement mortar	1ft high	2ft high 24/- each
Metal windows, assembled, hoisted and fixed, lugs cut and pinned and frames bedded and pointed one side in cement	Up to 5ft super	5ft to 10ft super
mortar		18/9 each 20ft to 40ft

	super 28/5	super 47/- each
Leaving holes through walls for pipes and afterwards making	Small pipes 3d per in	Large pipes 6d per in
good	in depth	in depth
Cutting do., and afterwards do	11 <i>d</i> do.	2/- do.
Cut mortices in brickwork or cond		1/3 per in

Cut mortices in		concret	e for	bolts	
Holdfasts of st	out iron hoop	bent,	holed	and	4.09
screwed to fra	me and built in				1/7 each

MEASURED RATES-Continued

MEASURED RATES—Continued	Portland cement (1:6) Per yd r concrete bed under drain 4in 6in	run 9in
BRICKWORK—Continued FACING—	pipes and benching up on 18in wide 20in wi both sides—6in thick 8/6 10/-	ide 23in wide
Extra only over common brickwork (118/- per 1,000) for facing with superior bricks in Flemish bond and pointing as the work proceeds.	SALT GLAZED SANITARY DRAIN PIPES and lay and joint with Yarn and Cement Mortar in	trench.
Rustic Flettons (150/-)	Quality Quantity 4in	6in 9in
First Stocks (355/-)	"Best" 2ton or more 3/2	4,9 7/10
Reds (350/-) 19/3 do.	50 pieces and over 3/6	5/5 8,9
Reds (350/-)	"Best Tested" 2ton or more 3/11	5,6 9/1 6/1 9/7
If do, bull brick exertsher hand Less 25% off above.	50 pieces and over 4/4	6.6 10/7
If do., half-brick stretcher bond, Less 25% off above.	under 50 pieces 4/5	6/8 11/3
COPING—	"British Standard" 2ton or more 3/5	5/1 8/4
All labour and material in forming brick-on-edge coping with two course of roofing tiles under and cement weather fillets on	50 pieces and over 3/10	5/9 9/4
both sides, built in cement and pointed as the work proceeds.	"British Standard under 50 pieces 3/11 2ton or more 4/-	5/10 9/8 6/1 10.1
Per ft run 9in thick 14in thick	Tested" 50 pieces and over 4/7	7/- 11,6
In picked Flettons 6/3 8/5	under 50 pieces 4/8	7/1 11/11
In first quality Stocks 8/- 12/- In red facings 7/5 11/11	Extra for bends "Best"—Contained in 2ton	613 1616
Plumbing angles 2d per ft run	Extra for junction "Best")	6/3 16/6
Fair cutting	—4in on 4in—6in on > do. 6/6	9/9 27/-1
Fair rake cutting 1/7 do.	6in—9in on 9in	
Fair circular cutting 1/7 do.	TO CALL DO A LAL DO	
Fair squint or birdsmouth 1/11 do.	IRON DRAIN PIPES—	Don for
ARCHES Extra over Fletton brickwork for forming window	Heavy cast iron socketed and laying and jointing in molten lead—	Per ft run 4in 6in
head with red facing bricks set on end and with ft run	In main runs	14/5 20/2
4\(\)\in soffits and pointing 3/9	In branches	16/6 23/4
Do, for rubbed and gauged flat arch in red rubbers ft super	Futne over lost for her de and autor laint	each
set in putty with fine joints 19/-	Extra over last for bends and extra joint Do. on do. for junctions and extra joint	30/2 66/1 45/4 86/-
PARTITIONS Per yd super— 2in 2½in 3in	Cast-iron gulley with 101 inlet and 4in outlet,	45/4 00/-
(75 yards) 2in 2½in 3in Concrete slab partitions in cement mortar 11/5 13/8 14/8	composed of hooper and trap, and 9in	
Hollow clay do 13/5 15/6 18/-	extension piece and 104in grating, and	
Cutting and bonding at angles, inter-	jointing all together, and jointing to drain and surrounding in concrete	183/
sections and ends 5d ft run	Do. rain water, shoe with vertical inlet and	103/-
PAVING lin lin lin	inspection cover, and joint up and embed	85/9 143/6
Grano trowelled gauge 5: 2 8/6 9/6 10/8 yd super 1 by Sin skirting, square top and cove bottom 2/10 ft run fin by 6in red quarry tile paving	MANHOLE SUNDRIES—	4in 6in
fin by 6in do. skirting 1/11 ft run	Salt glazed straight half-round main channels each	6/- 8/7
Jointless flooring, in thick 20/- yd super	Do. curved do.	14/- 20/-
ASPHALT (normal conditions for 200 yds super and upwards)	Do, three-quarter section splayed	
tin pitch mastic floor in B.S.	channel bends (Barrons or similar) do.	18/- 26/6
one coat on felt underlay on prepared concrete base 1450/48 1375/47	Heavy manhole steps galvanized do. Fix only manhole covers do.	9/9 —
on prepared concrete base 1450/46	4in Mica flap, brass faced, f.a.i. valves	11/0 -
Brown Red	and fix with molten lead joint do.	41/
Per yd super 13/6 15/- 16/6	DOCUMENT	
Unit B.S.988 Rock	ROOFER CORRUGATED ASBESTOS SHEETS	
§in in two thicknesses on B.S.S.1162/44	P.C. 8/3½ per super yd including side and	
felt underlay on prepared	end laps and fixing to wood	62/6 per square
concrete base yd super 14/3 18/6	Eaves filler pieces	2/6 ft run
Do, in narrow widths ft super 2/- 2/7 fin skirting 6in high, angle	Adjustable ridge Barge boards	4/9 do.
fillet at bottom splayed	Plain roofing tiles, machine made, sand faced,	3/4 do.
and turned in at top ft run 2/4 2/7	4in gauge nailed every 4th course with 14in	
External angles each 6d 6d 10d 10d	galvanized nails, to battens (measured	
Tanking or Damp Course . B.S.1097/43 B.S.1418/47	Extra over last for top edge or abutment cutting	
Vertical in two thicknesses yd super 19/6 24/6	Do. for double course at eaves	1/4 ft run 2/5 do.
In horizontal do yd super 13/- 18/9	Do. for verges, undercloak, bed and point	3,9 do.
Vertical in three thicknesses yd super 26/6 33/-	Do. Valley tiles including cutting and waste	
11 in horizontal do yd super 19/- 27/6 Labour rounded external	Do. Bonnet hips and do. bed and point	11/3 do.
angle per ft run 6d 6d	Half-round ridge and bed and point	11/9 do. 3/6 do.
Do, internal angle fillet per ft run 10d 11d	Fixing soakers	1/8 dozen
Do. double do per ft run 1/8 1/8 Collars to small pipes each 3/6 4/-		
Collars to small pipes each 3/6 4/- Do, to large pipes each 6/9 7/6	Bituminous felt roofing in two layers, laid	
DRAINAGE f lft in depth 5/10	breaking joint and bedded with hot mastic and finished with fine dry grit	12/6) yd
Per lineal yd 2 do 9/11	Do. but in one layer only	9/- super
Excavate trench, and plank and 3 do 22/9	Pe Pe	r square
strut to sides, consolidate 4 do 29/7		"+10" 20"+10"
bottom to fall, return, fill and 5 do	3in lap, 2 zinc nails to each slate 341/-	356/- 414/-
and load and remove surplus. 7 do 67/6	Additional labours P	er ft lineal-
In ordinary ground— 8 do 80/-	At tops, verges and abutments-straight 1/9	1/10 2/2
moderately firm. 9 do 92/6	Do. —raking 2/7	2/9 3/1
(By hand) 10 do 104/11 11 do 128/1	At hips and valleys (each side) 2/7	2/9 3/1
11 do 128/1 12 do 144/11	At eaves, double course 3/6 Do, to falls	3'8 4/2 5/4 6/3
(10 00 144)11	Do. to faits 5/3	3/4 0/3

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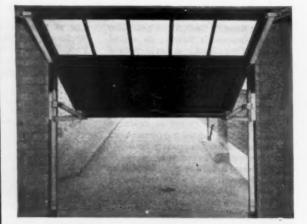
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MEASURED RATES—continued In shelves, table t

FLOORS AND FLATS	In shelves, table tops, wrot and fixed 2/5 2/9 3/4 3/9 Do. in divisions and ends framed 2/9 3/1 3/8 4/3 Add if crosstongued
Hollow tile in situ or pre-cast units hoisted, bedded and fixed—	Add if buttoned 6d 6d 6d 6d
Superimposed load in lb per ft super 12ft 50	SUNDRIES—Per it run— In snort in long Add for cups
Per yd super 100 47/- 59/- 150 53/9 67/3	Glazing, beads mitred around
20lb has been allowed to cover dead load in surface, finish Fair edge to slabs	Rounded neer or notion
Splay cutting and waste 1/9 do.	Glue blocking 6d
CARPENTER AND JOINER	Mitres
Labour, materials, waste nails, Plates Joists Rafters Trusse	s STAIRCASE— Per ít
hoisting and fixing 19/2 20/8 22/4 25/6	11 in Softwood treads with moulded nosings super lin risers tongued both edges and glued,
FLOORING— Per square— \$\frac{1}{2}\$ in \$	blocked and bracketed on and including
Softwood batten flooring, straight	Do. but in winders 8/-
joints, splayed headings 146/6 167/6 206/– Do. grooved and tongued 167/6 189/6 244/–	2in moulded string 5/6
SKIRTING— Per ft superficial— ‡in ‡in 1in	- 2in do. ramped
Wrot softwood moulded skirting with grounds and backings plugged . 4/- 4/8 5/3	Tongued heading joints 6/- do, Ends of treads and risers housed to string 3/6 do.
Mitres to do 3d per sectional in.	Extra for curtail ends to steps, glued up and
M-1	veneered riser and solid blocking 100/- do. Balusters about 2ft 9in long, square and 1in 1\frac{1}{2}in 1\frac{1}{2}in
SASHES, fanlights, casements, borrowed lights, etc.— Without With bars	
Per ft super— bars (2ft sup. in each squar	African mahogany moulded 3in by 2in hand-
2in softwood rebated, moulded and fixed	Do. ramped 18in girth (do.) 54/- each
Add if fitted with beads 6d 1/6 Add if hanging on butts 3/- each	Do. wreathed do. (do.)
	FIXING ONLY IRONMONGERY To deal To hardboard
WINDOWS, hung on lines— Softwood cased frames, 1in inner and outer linings, 1∤in pulle	
stiles, 2in sashes, oak sill . Overall size of frames— Per ft super 6ft 21ft 32ft 44	
Windows as described 21/6 12/- 9/- 7 Add if sashes in squares, about	/- Mortice locks and do 7/6 17/9 do.
2ft super in each — 1/8 2/2 2	/2 Casement fasteners 2/3 2/9 do.
Extra for hanging sashes with lines, weights and axle pulleys 38/- 66/- 77/- 88	Do. stays2/3 2/9 do. Grip handles2/7 3/5 do.
FINISHINGS TO OPENINGS— Per ft super—	Spring catches
Softwood linings, tongued at angles and tongued to frame including #in 1in 1in 1in 1in 1in 1in 1in 1in 1in 1	Floor springs including oil 49/- 63/- do.
grounds and backings 4/8 5/3 5/10 6/	4 Springhinges
Softwood wrot rounded on front edge	SMITH AND FOUNDER Basis framed steel joists and hoist and fix 81/6 per cwt
and with tongue at back window board including groove in sill and	Do, but in compound girders 91/6 do,
Add for ends to last notched, returned	76 Do. but in stanchions 93/6 do. Trusses
and rounded 1/1 1/2 1/3	Additional cost per cwt over basic sections for following R.S.J.s. 9in by 7in, 10in by 8in, 12in by 8in,
Per ft run— Softwood wrot and fixed in 1 2 3 4 5	14in by 8in, 16in by 8in, 18in by 6in, 6 18in by 7in, 20in by 6lin, 20in by 7lin 8d per cwt
bearers, backings, grounds,	22in by 7in, 1/1 cwt 4in by 3in 1/10 do.
fillets, and similar $4\frac{1}{4}d$ 7d $9\frac{1}{4}d$ 1/- 1/3 1. Add if in short lengths $2d$ 2d $2\frac{1}{4}d$ $2\frac{1}{4}d$ 3d	5 5in by 3in, 5in by 2½in
, if plugged to brickwork 6d 6d 6d 6d 6d	6d 3in by 3in, 2/9 cwt 4\{\frac{1}{2}} in by 1\{\frac{1}{2}} in 4/- do.
bearers 3d 3d 4d 4d 6d	6d Cleats, brackets, packing pieces, etc., in
beaded 2d 2d 2d 2d 2d	connections, including rivets and bolts 174/- do. 2d Forged straps 132/- do.
if chamfered or rounded edges 3d	Wrot iron balustrade 175/- do,
,, if moulded in architraves,	RAINWATER GOODS— Round cast-iron pipe with socketed joints
capping, etc 6d DOOR FRAMES— Per ft run	caulked with red lead and tow and Per ft lineal
Per sectional in— 6in 8in 10in 12in 13	10 - 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
Softwood, wrot, reb. & rdd 2/3 2/8 3/2 3/6 3/	— Do. junctions do. 8/5 10/9 15/7
	Do. bends do. 6/7 8/6 10/1
framed and flat panels,	RAINWATER GUTTERS Per ft, run— 4in 5in 6in /10 Half round Cl gutters jointed in red
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	Ogee do. All as last 4/4 5/- 6/3 Extra for stop ends 3/2 3/10 4/-
Add B.S. flush panelled 1/6 1/6 1/6 1/7 1/8 1	/8 Do. angles or outlets 5/6 7/- 8/4

MEASURED RATES—continued

LUMBER EXTERNAL— 4lb Milled Sheet lead	ner cwt	Soaker 147/-		lats 88/-		shings 00/-
EAD PIPES: running				00/	4	001-
Per ft run	lin	#in		11in	1 lin	
Main Fixed with with hooks	4/5	6/01	8/3	10/51	13/51	17/11
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vasic (nooks	2/9	3/10	5/-	7/4	7/11	10/1
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top valve and do. do.	27/10	37/10			-	
lib valve and do. do.	19/8	27/-	24-	82/6	_	
all valve and do. do.	26.0	36/9		80/6		
leeve and do. do.			-	-	21/6	29/7
COPPER TUBES						-
	in	#in	lin	11in	Hin	2in
ubes per ft run	3/1	3/11	5/-	5/9		9/11
Couplings: straight						.,
each		3/6	5/-	6/10	11/6	15/10
Do. Elbows each	5/4	63	8/4	12.2	18/6	
Do. Tees do	8/7	9/11			28:7	39,9
Overflow bends	7 6	11/8			-	-
Stop cocks do	22/-	31,6	50,-	77/-	97/-	153/-
BLACK TUBING (Hea		∄in	1in	1½in	1½in	2in
Tubes per fi sup	2/7	2/	2/7	116	61	612
Bends and fix each	5/-	5/11	3/7	10/6	12/2	6/1
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ON WOOD-

General surfaces

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Running lengths not	41.4	01.4	2.6	22.7	
exceeding 3in wide	41d	814	1/-		yd run
Do. 3in to 6in wide	51d	111	1/4	4 d	do.
Do, 6in to 9in wide	9d 11d	1/6	2/1	71d	do.
Do. 9in to 12in wide		1/11	2/7	914	do.
Sash square each side	5/5	10/3	14/11		per do.
Do, in large squares	8/3	15/-	21/-	6/7	do.
Opening edges	7 <i>d</i>	1/2	1/9	7d	each
Casement frames each	6.1		9.14		
side	6d	1/-	1/4	5d :	yd run
Mullions or transoms	0.4	210	21	21	4-
do	8d	1/5	2/-	7d	do.
ON PLASTER-		One	Two	Three	
		coat	coats	coats	
Paint on surfaces		3/1	5/10		per yd
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Do. on mouldings		3/5	6/5	9/2	do.
Do, on enrichment		6/2	11/8	16/6	do.
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Paint on structural ste	el	2/5	4/7	6/10	
Do. on roof trusses		2/8	5/1	7/8	do.
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measured over all on					
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squares		2/10₺	5/-	6/9	do.
Do. divided into extra	large				
squares		2/51	4/2	5/10	
Do. on opening edges		10d	1/6	2/-	each
Do, on rain water pipe	0 0	10d	1/6	2/2	yd run
Do. on do. gutter	0.0	1/3	2/8	3/7	do.
Do. on small pipe		3d	6d	10d	do.

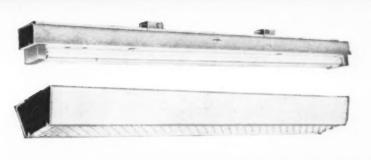
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Washable do. on do. of	1/-	1/10	6d	3d
Add if in margins, narrow				-
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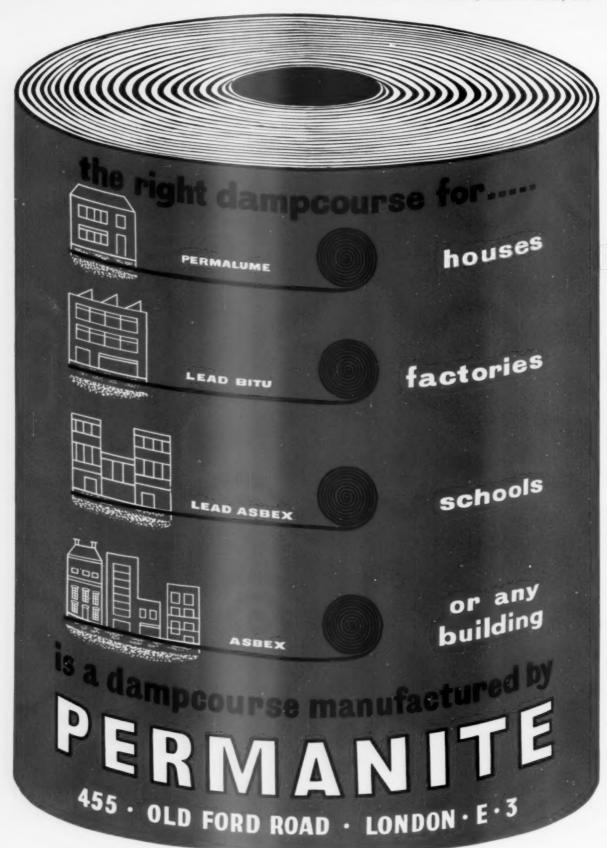
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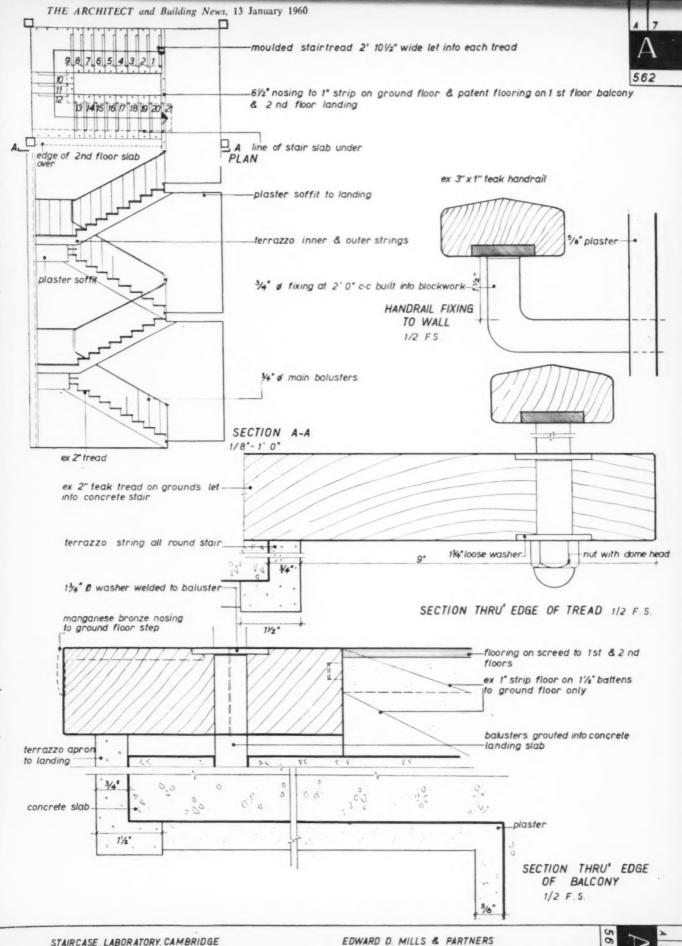
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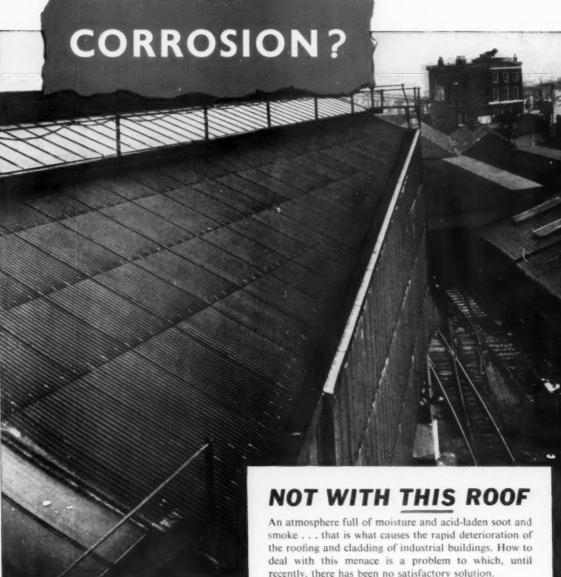
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BLYTH B.C. (a) Housing scheme 36. Erection of ten flats and maisonnettes in Coomassie Road. (b) Borough Engineer, Municipal Buildings, Seaforth Street, Blyth, Northumberland. (c) 2gn. (e) February 8.

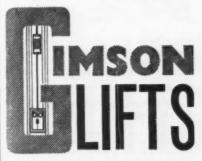
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TYRONE C.C. (a) Erection of an intermediate school at Aughnacloy. (b) A. Crawford, Quantity Surveyor, 1 Lombard Street, Belfast. (e) January 19.

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BATH. (1) Erection of shops and flats for Ravenseft Properties Ltd. (2) Pump Room Hotel site. (3) Tersons Ltd., Dollis Park. Fin.hley, London. N.3. (4) £216,000.

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ESSEX C.C. (1) Extensions to secondary school. (2) Loughton. (3) S. Cronin & Sons Ltd.. 142 Warley Hill, Brentwood, Essex. (4) £110,000.

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HARLOW U.C. (1) Construction of an indoor swimming pool. (2) Harlow New Town. (3) Thomas Bates & Son, Ltd., Harold Wood, Romford, Essex. (4) £140.000.

ISLINGTON B.C. (1) Erection of 36 dwellings. (2) Oakley Crescent. (3) Gee, Walker & Slater Ltd.. 100 Park Lane, London, W.1. (4) £74.079.

LEEDS. (1) Stage 2 of Leeds Jewish Housing Association estate. (2) Queenshill. (3) N. B. Bell & Co. Ltd., Leeds. (4) £122.930.

LITHERLAND U.C. (1) Erection of 192 dwellings. (3) Sir Robert Lloyd & Co. Ltd.. Bromborough, Cheshire. (4) £276,143.

LIVERPOOL C.C. (1) Erection of a health centre with maisonnettes over. (2) Mill Street. (3) R. J. Barton & Sons Ltd., Altear Road, Formby, Lanes. (4) £94,286. (1) 30 dwellings. (2) Stanhope Street. (3) R. J. Barton & Sons Ltd. (4) £51,381.

LONDON, CITY. (1) Scheme of improvement. (2) Billingsgate Market. (3) C. J. Sims Ltd., 2 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

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LONDON E. (1) Erection of a multistorey nurses' home extension. (2) East Mount Street, Stepney, E.1. (3) Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons Ltd., 80 Park Lane, London, W.1.

LONDON, S.W. (1) Rebuilding Chelsea Barracks. (2) Pimlico S.W.1. (3) Gilbert-Ash Ltd., 2 Stanhope Gate, London, W.1. (4) £2,250,000.

LONDON, W.C. (1) Large new hotel. (2) Russell Square and Guildford Street. (3) Mullen & Lumsden Ltd., Eagle Street, London, W.C.1. (4) £1,000,000.

MANCHESTER. (1) Completion of stage 3 of rebuilding of London Road station—to be known as "Piccadilly". (3) William Townson Ltd., Higher Swan Lane, Bolton. (4) £500,000.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.C. (1) Stage 4 of the Rutherford College of Technology. (3) John Laing & Son Ltd., Mill Hill. London, S.W.7.

ROMFORD B.C. (1) Two 11-storey blocks of 53 flats. (2) St. Andrew's Road, etc. (3) Wates Ltd., 1258 London Road, S.W.16. (4) £258.462.

SHEFFIELD C.C. (1) Construction of next phase of the wholesale fruit, vegetables and fish market. (2) Darnall. (3) Spooners (Hull) Ltd., Glebe Road, Stoneferry, Hull.

SHEFFIELD REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD. (1) Radiotherapy department. (2) St. George's Hospital, Lincoln. (3) C. R. Price Ltd., Barnsley Road, Doncaster.

SUNDERLAND B.C. (1) Erection of 336 houses. (2) Town End Farm estate. (3) L. W. Evans Ltd., Norfolk Street, Sunderland.

SWANSEA B.C. (1) Erection of two buildings. (2) Technical College, Mount Pleasant. (3) John Laing & Son Ltd., Mill Hill. London, N.W.7. (4) £132,239.

WESTON - SUPER - MARE B.C. (1) Housing. flats and maisonnettes. (2) Bournville Estate. (3) John Laing & Son Ltd., Mill Hill. London, N.W.7. (4) £109,432.

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SITTINGBOURNE AND MILTON U.C. (a) Extension for ladies' cloakroom and lavatory at the Town Hall. (b) Engineer and Surveyor. "Lydbrook," 89 London Road, Sittingbourne. (c) 3gn. (e) January 19.

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SOUTHAMPTON B.C. (a) Erection of a handicraft hall at Hillfield, Bassett Avenue. (b) Borough Architect, Civic Centre. (d) January 2. (e) January 25. ST. HELENS B.C. (a) Completion of an aged persons' hostel for 60 persons, to be of load-bearing construction and form part of a neighbourhood centre at Parr. (b) Borough Engineer, Town Hall. (c) 2gn. (e) February 2.

TAUNTON B.C. (a) Erection of 22 traditional dwellings with external works on Lane estate. (b) Borough Architect, Flook House, Station Road. (c) 2gn. (e) January 26.

TYRONE C.C. (a) Erection of an intermediate school at Aughnacloy. (b) A. Crawford, Quantity Surveyor, 1 Lombard Street, Belfast. (e) January 19.

VALLEY R.C. (a) Erection of 50 Unity traditional dwellings with roads and sewerage at Tan y Bryn Valley. (b) Clerk, Council Offices, Valley, Holyhead. (c) 3gn.

WALTON AND WEYBRIDGE U.C. (a) Erection of 12 bed-sitting room flats and eight one-bedroom flats in four blocks at Queen's Road (Hersham) site, (b) Engineer and Surveyor, Council Offices, Walton-on-Thames. (e) January 28.

WALTHAMSTOW B.C. (a) Erection of a factory of 4,000 sq ft at Grange Road, E.17. (b) Borough Architect, Engineer and Surveyor, Town Hall, E.17. (c) 2gn. (e) January 22.

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WORCESTERSHIRE C.C. (a) Erection of an old persons' home at Halesowen. (b) County Architect, 14 Castle Street, Worcester. (d) Immediately. (e) February 1.

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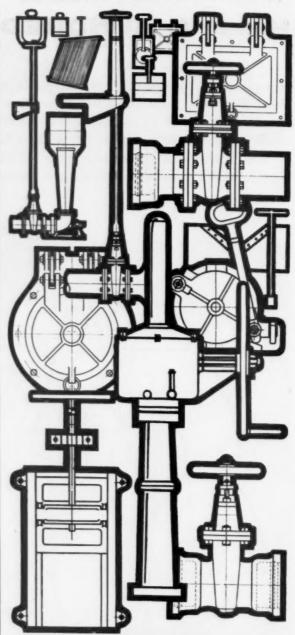
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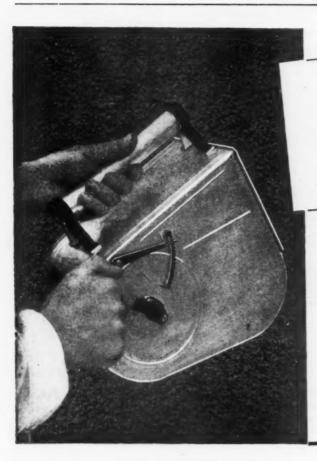
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